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Leitchfield and Grayson County Win Commissioner's Award for Excellence

Frankfort, Ky. -- The **City of Leitchfield** and **Grayson County** received the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) Commissioner's Award for Excellence for the successful implementation of the Leitchfield/Grayson County Economic Development Disaster Project. The project originated after the devastation left in the wake of a tornado that ripped through the industrial park.

Commissioner Jody Lassiter said, "In times of great need, communities pull together to get things back in order. The city of Leitchfield, Grayson County, and the Leitchfield/Grayson County Joint Economic Development Authority are to be commended for putting it all together in a professional and expeditious manner."



From left: Mike Burress, LTADD; Ventra R. Mapp, DLG; Mayor William Thomason; Commissioner Jody A. Lassiter, DLG; Judge/Executive Gary Logsdon; Darrell Harrell; Sheila Puckett

"Commendations also go out to **Mike Burress of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District** for his great performance in organizing the project."

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 provided loans to companies impacted by the May 2000 tornado. The tornado destroyed three businesses, and left another 12 businesses damaged, affecting 3,000 jobs.

"**Leitchfield Mayor William Thomason** and **Grayson County Judge/Executive Gary Logsdon** are to be congratulated for making the best out of a devastating situation," added Lassiter.

The following companies have been awarded a total of \$1.3 million as part of the on-going project: Copelin's Welding, Burkhead's Trucking, Mid Park Inc., Styline Industries, and Leggett and Platt. The balance of funds is under negotiation with additional companies that are located in the industrial park.

Hardinsburg Award

Frankfort, Ky. -- The **City of Hardinsburg** received the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) Commissioner's Award for Excellence for the successful completion of the Hardinsburg KY 86 Water Extension Project. Commissioner Jody Lassiter said, "City officials in Hardinsburg were in a hurry to get this project complete. Within 14 months, the city had obtained all necessary easements, received design approval from the state Division of Water, opened bids, signed contracts and started construction. The only activities left to do on the original project include re-seeding yards, and painting the water storage tank," added Lassiter. "The city is waiting for better weather conditions to complete those tasks."

The project included the construction of 23 miles of water line and a 200,000 gallon water storage tank, which will serve 400 households in Breckinridge County and the Custer Elementary School.



From left: Ventra R. Mapp, DLG; Commissioner Jody A. Lassiter, DLG; Mayor Wayne Macy; Bryan Kirby

LTADD WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS

2001 Newly Elected Officials Training

The Lincoln Trail ADD has continued to offer monthly training workshops focusing on the administration of local government. On the 10th of January, the Lincoln Trail ADD, with the assistance of the Department for Local Government (DLG), provided training to recently elected municipal officers. Almost thirty newly elected officials, current officials, city clerks, and administrators participated in the *2001 Newly Elected City Officials Training*. The half-day training session, held in the LTADD board room began with an overview of the services provided by the Lincoln



Trail ADD by the **Executive Director, Wendell Lawrence**, and an overview of DLG by the **Assistant Director of the Division of Training and ADD Services, Junior Wright**. The attendees were provided with training on topics pertinent to the operation of local government including the framework of local government by **Janet Johnston, Associate Director**, and legislative procedures by **Dean Nelson, Public Administrative Specialist**. Also, representatives of the Department for Local Government, **Rich Ornstein** and **Betty King**, presented information about the executive and legislative branches of local government, local government ethics, and finance and taxation. In addition to the presentations, the workshop was concluded with a question and answer session featuring a panel of experienced elected and appointed city officials from the Lincoln Trail ADD region. The panel included **David Wilmoth, Mayor of Elizabethtown**; **Dixie Hibbs, Bardstown City Council**; **Deborah Shaw, Elizabethtown City Attorney**; and **Kerry White, Leitchfield City Clerk**.

Labor and Ethical Dilemmas in the Commonwealth



The Lincoln Trail ADD hosted a half-day training session on January 24th, entitled, *Labor and Ethical Dilemmas in the Commonwealth*. This two-part workshop consisted of presentations by **Anthony Sansone of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet**, and **Rich Ornstein, of the Department for Local Government**. Forty-five city and county employees and officials, as well as members of ethics commissions

throughout the region attended the workshop. County officials in attendance received 3.5 hours of HB 810 training credit.

2001 County Budget Workshop

The Department for Local Government (DLG) presented the annual county budget workshop on February 27th, in the LTADD board room. Over forty elected and appointed county officials from the Lincoln Trail Region attended the *2001 County Budget Workshop*. County judge/executives, fiscal court members, sheriffs, county clerks, and jailers received HB 810 credit for their attendance.

Answers to Local Government Questions Regarding Social Security and the IRS

On March 15th, the Lincoln Trail ADD presented a workshop focusing on the responsibilities of the local governments and special districts with regard to Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service. **Daryl Dunigan, Kentucky Division of Social Security**, and **Raymond McClennon, Internal Revenue Service**, were presenters. Daryl Dunigan also acted as a liaison between the ADD and the IRS during the planning of the agenda. County officials who attended received 2.5 hours of HB 810 training credit.

The Water Management Planning Council met on January 29, 2001 for their quarterly meeting. The Nominating Committee report was given and the officers were announced. **Rachel Phillips** and **Emily Lee** gave an update on the statewide meetings for WRIS and Water Management. This update included the expectations of Senate Bill 409 and each water system's responsibility for supplying water to areas that are underserved or unserved. **Barry Dewitt** of Hardin County Water District #2 gave an update on progress of the Hardin County Regional Water Group Feasibility Study. Individual maps were handed out at the end of the meeting to those systems that did not already have maps for water line verification.

The next Water Management Planning Council meeting will be held in April. Project prioritization will be the main topic at this meeting. The Advisory Committee on 2020 Project Prioritization is developing the criteria for prioritizing projects on a regional basis. This criteria will help determine projects that will go on a statewide list. In order for any project to receive funding, it must be on the list. The criteria should be finalized by the April meeting.

We would like to congratulate **Grayson County Water District, Hardin County Water District #2, and LaRue County Water District #1** for receiving the year 2000 PSC certificates of commendation. These certificates are awarded to regulated utilities that have received zero deficiencies on their periodic inspections. We would also like to congratulate Hardin County Water District #2 on placing third in the *Best Tasting Water Contest* at the Heart of Management Conference in Bowling Green.

Best Tasting Water Contest

Hardin County a Winner

Kentucky Rural Water Association E-news

We are happy to congratulate the top three participants in the second annual Best Tasting Water Contest. The winners were chosen from twelve proud water utilities, creating intense competition. The City of Lewisport, a well system serving approximately 1000 persons on the banks of the Ohio River, just upstream from Owensboro, took first place honors. Second place was awarded to the City of Morganfield, a surface water system, and third place went to **Hardin County Water District #2**, a water system drawing from a combination surface water/spring source. By virtue of their win the City of Lewisport is now eligible to compete for national recognition at the Rural Water Rally, to be conducted in May 2001, in Washington, D.C..

Census 2000 — The Final Count

The newly released 2000 population data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that population growth continues in the Lincoln Trail District. Several counties increased population at a fairly high rate. Nelson County headed the district with its 26.1 percent rate of population increase from 1990 to 2000. LaRue County also had a high rate of growth at 14.5 percent. Breckinridge and Grayson counties experienced the same level growth, at 14.3 percent. Marion and Meade counties increased population from 1990 to 2000 at a more moderate level, 10.4 and 9.0 percent, respectively. The counties with a modest increase in population are Hardin, 5.5 percent and Washington, 4.5 percent. Overall, the Lincoln Trail ADD region increased at 10.9 percent which is rather consistent with Kentucky's rate of growth at 9.7 percent.

2000 Census Population

	<u>Total Resident Population</u>		<u>Percent Change in Population</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1990-2000</u>
Breckinridge	18,648	16,312	14.3
Grayson	24,053	21,050	14.3
Hardin	94,174	89,240	5.5
LaRue	13,373	11,679	14.5
Marion	18,212	16,499	10.4
Meade	26,349	24,170	9.0
Nelson	37,477	29,710	26.1
Washington	10,916	10,441	4.5
LTADD	243,202	219,101	11.0

Population data for all cities and counties within the state are available at the Kentucky State Data Center's website at cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc or the U.S. Census Bureau's website at <http://www.census.gov>.

Senior Day in Frankfort:

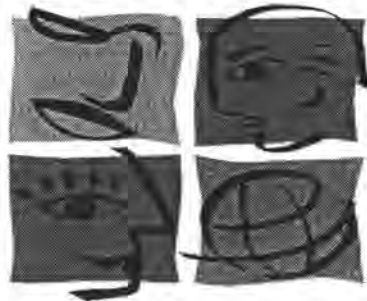
The Kentucky Association for Gerontology organized a statewide event which encouraged seniors from across the Commonwealth to come to the Capitol on February 21st to make their issues and concerns known to the legislators. Senior Day in Frankfort drew approximately 700 seniors and other advocates to the Capitol for this special event. Seniors advocated for issues ranging from in-home services to grandparent's rights.



Aging PROGRAM UPDATE

In celebration of Older Americans Month, we are planning two very special events. Please plan to attend. Also, remember to wear your gold ribbon in recognition of our older citizens. Ribbons can be obtained from our senior centers. Your donation for the ribbon goes to increase nutrition program services.

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Mental Health
Awareness for
Professionals &
Caregivers

Senior Celebration 2001 "Year of the Volunteer"

May 17th

Pritchard Community Center

Tentative Agenda

- 9:00 to 9:30 Opening Ceremony
- Welcome
Honorable David Wilmoth
Mayor of Elizabethtown
- Honorable Glen Dalton
Hardin County Judge Executive
- American Legion Ladies Auxiliary
Master of Ceremonies Roger Curry
- 10:00 to 10:30 Travel with Toby Tours
- 10:30 to 11:30 Bob Garber's "Sentimental Journey"
- 11:30 to 12:30 Lunch with music by Mr. Carroll Drane
- 12:30 to 1:30 Bingo
- 1:30 to 2:00 Garden tour with John Tabacchi
Atria Elizabethtown
- Outdoor Games with Gene Okeson
Kentucky Senior Games
Board of Directors

As always, the event will include booths,
health screenings, and door prizes.

*Don't miss this exciting day in celebration of
Older American's Month !!!*

Thursday, May 15

Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown

sponsored in part by the Lincoln Trail Mental Health & Aging Coalition and Pfizer, Inc.

- 12:00-1:20 p.m. Box Lunch & Speaker: "Open Wide and Say HA!"
Clifford Kuhn, M.D., The Laugh Doctor
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. "Farther Down the Path"
Norman Pointer, M.D., Lincoln Trail Behavioral Health
- 2:10-2:40 p.m. "How You Said It"
Diane Milby, RN, CARITAS Home Health
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. Elder Abuse & Neglect, Domestic Abuse
Vicki Shulenburg, Protection & Permanency
- 4:00-4:45 p.m. Substance Abuse
Richard Mason Ph.D., Communicare
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Break
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner & Speaker: Alzheimer's Disease: Assessment & Therapy**
David Casey, M.D., Norton Hospital
Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral
Sciences, Assoc. Physician Director of Landis Geriatric Center

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* Afternoon speakers have been planned for 4 CEUs sponsored by HealthSouth Rehab.

** This CME activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Norton@Healthcare is accredited by the Kentucky Medical Association to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians and takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this CME activity. Norton@Healthcare designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1 hour in Category I credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. This program has been reviewed and is acceptable for 1 prescribed hour by the American Academy of Family Practice.



Employment & Training News

STAFF TRAINING NEWS

Vivian Heath, MIS Specialist, attended the NASUA'S (National Association of State Units on Aging) 12th National Older Worker Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, January 21-23. *The new workforce development system: Putting the pieces together for Mature and Older workers and Federal Legislative Update--"Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act"* were the prime focus of the conference.

The LTADD Career Center staff, Ms. Heath and Client Services Managers: Chris Hodge, Melanie Staderman, Julie Watson, and Karen Strong attended a Domestic Violence training directed by Fran Cox on January 20.

Sherry Johnson, Associate Director, and Jackie Masterson, Employment/Training Specialist, attended EO training in Lexington on March 20-22. Ms. Johnson also attended a training session on Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy in Louisville on March 20th.

The Lincoln Trail Career Center, in partnership with the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce and Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation, held a Job Fair at the Pritchard Community Center on March 22nd. There were 60 employers on hand to talk with over 2,500 individuals who registered.

Rapid Response Activities

The Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Area Rapid Response Team has been very busy over the past few months. The Rapid Response Team, made up of several partner agencies, conducts group information sessions for companies who are experiencing a layoff or closure. The purpose of these sessions is to provide the employees with the tools and resources they need to deal with their job loss and to transition back into the workforce as smoothly as possible. The Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Area has experienced the loss of over 500 jobs since January 2001. The rapid response sessions have played a vital role in linking these individuals with programs and services that will assist them in landing their next job or starting a new career.

ATTENTION OLDER WORKERS!!!

Older Workers Needed for Job Training Opportunities

"Training Older Workers for Today's Workplace"

If you desire employment and lack employment skills or need to update old skills, we may be able to assist you. Requirements for the subsidized Older American Community Service Employment Program are:

1. Must be 55 or older
2. Unemployed
3. Low income status (not all income is counted)

For additional information and applications, contact the Lincoln Trail Career Center Title V Coordinator at 270-234-1647 or 1-800-455-5587. We serve Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue and Meade counties.

The Older American Community Service Employment Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and operated locally by the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. EEO/AA/ADA



- May 8 *Joint Land Use Study Meeting*
- 11 *Community Collaborations for Children*
- 16 *LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 23 *County Employees Retirement System Training*
Risk Management Workshop
- 24 *Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*
- 28 *Memorial Day - LTADD Closed*
- Jun. 20 *LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 27 *Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting*
- 28 *Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*
Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board Meeting
- Jul. 4 *Independence Day - LTADD Closed*
- 11 *Regional Transportation Committee Meeting*
- 18 *LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 25 *Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting*
- 26 *Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*

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.

Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Calendar

- May 23 Workshop/Training
CERS and Risk Management (Kentucky Municipal Risk Management Association)
City and County officials will also attend this training due to the nature of the workshop affecting both forms of government.
- Jun. 27 Clerks Roundtable
- Jul. 25 Workshop/Training
Old Bloomfield Meeting Hall (Tentative Location)
Clerks Property Tax Panel
Panel of clerks will be announced.
- Aug. 22 First Week - KMCI
Clerks Roundtable
Topic: Evaluation of KMCI
- Sept. 26 Workshop/Training
Community Action Agency
- Oct. 24 Workshop/Training
"Grants - What the ADD Can Do For You" - A discussion of available grants/loans, city clerk/city responsibilities and due dates, and a time line of grants."
- Nov. No Meeting due to Thanksgiving
- Dec. Christmas Party

Announced speakers/topics are tentative and may be changed as necessary.

Employee News

The following employees marked another milestone as they celebrated their employment anniversary dates during this reporting period:

- JANET JOHNSTON - 3 YEARS**
- APRIL COX - 6 YEARS**
- MIKE SKAGGS - 6 YEARS**
- MATT KEISER - 6 YEARS**
- CATHY CALLAHAN - 19 YEARS**

CONGRATULATIONS !!!



Michele Walters joined our staff in January as a GPS Technician. Michele received a GPS Mapping Trimble Navigation Certificate from MapSync in Lexington, and previously worked with a specialized technical services firm in Richmond.

She resides in Elizabethtown with her husband Gary and their two children, Cody and Robert.



Mike Robinson has joined the ADD staff as GIS Specialist. Mike was born and raised in Breckinridge County. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a BA in

Geography in 1987, and was employed by the Defense Mapping Agency (now the National Imagery & Mapping Agency) as a cartographer. He transferred to Reston, Virginia in 1989 to work on the implementation of their new digital mapping systems. Mike served as a Senior Cartographer, Team Chief, and Geospatial Analyst during his time in the Washington, D.C. area. He earned his GIS certification from Northern Virginia Community College in 1998. In 1999, he moved back home to Kentucky and has been a private consultant for GIS services. He currently resides in Elizabethtown with his wife Cathy and two sons Joshua and Joseph.

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