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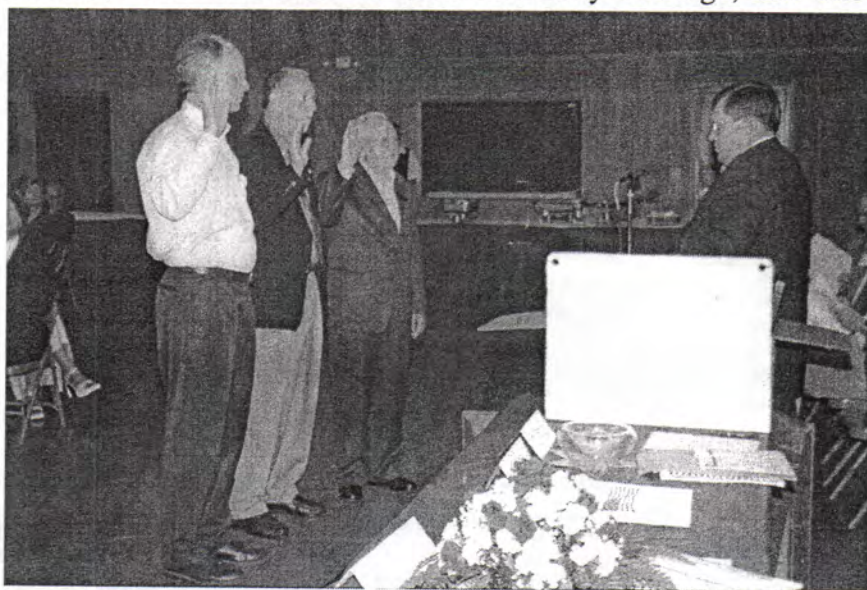
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LINCOLN TRAIL ADD HOSTS 34TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District hosted its 34th Annual Meeting at the Meade County Community Building in Brandenburg, Kentucky on April 17, 2002. The guest speaker was Mr. Carl Howell, Jr., President, Preservation of Lincoln's Kentucky Heritage, Inc. The newly elected officers of the Board of Directors were sworn in by Honorable James Thompson, State Representative of the 27th District, and are as follows: **Mr. Larry Gatewood, Chairman; Judge David Hourigan; First Vice-Chairman; Mr. Paul Steenbergen, Second Vice-Chairman; Judge Mark Brown, Secretary; and Judge Gary Logsdon, Treasurer.**



Aging Advisory Council Member, Mr. Jack Golden, presented **Mr. Scott Cederholm** from **Nelson County** with the Dorothy Dolle Memorial Award. Mr. Cederholm was presented the award in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication in advancing the cause of Older Americans.

LTADD 34TH ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

Mr. Gene Spragens, Jr. presented **Mr. J.T. Whitlock**, board citizen member from **Marion County**, with the Palmer A. "Pete" Peterson Memorial Award. Mr. Whitlock was presented the award for his leadership and dedication to the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. Special guest and Commissioner of the Department for Local Government, Jody Lassiter, looked on.



Breckinridge County Judge/Executive Tom Moorman presented **Ms. Connie Goodman** with a clock honoring Mr. Joe Goodman for his 15 years of service to the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. Mr. Goodman passed away unexpectedly in 2001.

Mr. Carl Howell, Jr., President of Preservation of Lincoln's Kentucky Heritage, Inc. shared many items from his authentic collection of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2002 AREA DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

Breckinridge County

City of Cloverport, Lawn Mower, \$1162.67
City of Hardinsburg, Swimming Pool Repair, \$1162.66
City of Hardinsburg, Digital Camera, \$1162.67
City of Irvington, Sidewalks, \$1162.67

Grayson County

City of Caneyville, Patrol Cam in Car Video System, \$1290.79
City of Clarkson, Park Fence, \$1290.79
City of Leitchfield, Playground Equipment for Dewitt Park, \$1290.79
Grayson County Fiscal Court, Sidewalks for Millwood Community, \$1290.79

Hardin County

Hardin County Fiscal Court, Ambulance Purchase, \$11811.92

LaRue County

LaRue County Parks and Recreation, Baseball Field Improvements, \$708.30
LaRue County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's cruiser purchase, \$3442.21

Marion County

Marion County Fiscal Court, Replace Roof for St Joe's Community Center, \$4609.33

Meade County

City of Brandenburg, Riverfront, \$1345.21
City of Ekron, Capital Expend Pavilion, \$1345.22
City of Muldraugh, Fire Truck Payment, \$1345.22
Meade County, Meade-Olin New Fields, \$1345.22

Nelson County

City of Bardstown, Sidewalk Construction on Muir Avenue, \$6436.01

Washington County

City of Mackville, Reese Sleeve for the Mackville Fire and Rescue, \$422.41
City of Willisburg, Reese Sleeve for the Willisburg Fire and Rescue, \$422.41
Washington County, Auto External Defibrillator for Ambulance Service, \$2227.90
Washington County, Reese Sleeve for the Washington County Rescue, \$422.41
Washington County, Reese Sleeve for Washington County Ambulance Service, \$422.41

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AWARDS

LaRue County, Anna Belle's Trail Development, \$20,000
City of Bloomfield, Bloomfield City Park Trail, \$14,374
City of Willisburg, Willisburg Community Park Trail, \$50,000

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AWARDS

City of Springfield, Idle Hour Park Improvements Phase II, \$15,000
City of Willisburg, Willisburg Community Park Ball Field and Lighting, \$60,000
Breckinridge County, Community Center Swimming Pool Renovations, \$30,000
LaRue County, Pearman Interpretive Center, \$53,000

LTADD PROJECTS RECEIVE COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The **City of Mackville** received the Kentucky Department for Local Government Commissioner's Award of Excellence for exemplary accomplishments in the administration of its Community Development Block Grant project – the **Mackville Elementary School Acquisition and Rehabilitation Project**. The school is now a community building that provides space for senior citizens, adult day care, after-school mentoring, migrant worker programs and other activities. Janet Johnston of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District administered the project.

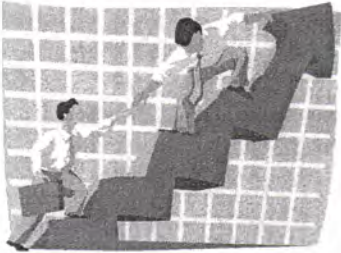


From left to right: Steve Green (DLG), Janet Johnston (LTADD), DLG Commissioner Jody Lassiter, and Ventra Mapp (DLG)

Marion County received the Kentucky Department for Local Government Commissioner's Award of Excellence for exemplary accomplishments in the administration its Community Development Block Grant project – the **Maker's Mark Expansion Project**. Commissioner Lassiter noted that Maker's Mark was recognized as the oldest operating bourbon distillery in the world by the Guinness Book of World Records. Mr. Mike Burress of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District administered the project.



From left to right: Bill Wolejsza (DLG), DLG Commissioner Jody Lassiter, Ventra Mapp (DLG), Marion County Judge/Executive David Hourigan, Mike Burress (LTADD)



EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

NEW YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ON WIA YOUTH COUNCIL

Michael Cockeral has recently joined the Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board Youth Council. Michael is a high school senior, a foster child, and one of our area's success stories. When Michael first came to our program in Breckinridge County, he was somewhat quiet and unassertive. We have seen him grow in many ways. In addition to raising his reading and math levels, Michael now mentors and tutors elementary children in math. He participates in the training of new foster parents, speaking to them about the needs of the young people who find themselves living in their homes. One such presentation took him to another state to present, at a national level, a foster parenting program. In addition, Michael also volunteers with homeless animals, trying to secure adopting homes. He has become quite active at school and is considering going to college when he graduates. We believe he will continue to be an asset to our program, our council, and our community.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS FOR CHILDREN REGIONAL NETWORK

The Community Collaborations for Children Regional Network has been working on funding applications for the 2002-2004 program years. A Request For Proposal was sent out and two responses were received. The committee is now in the process of reviewing these proposals and developing their budget for the next two years. Some possible activities to look for during the next two years include grant writing seminars, participation in the Heartland Festival and other district events, the distribution of child abuse prevention materials, and other activities that will enhance the efforts of other agencies engaged in making the world safer and healthier for children. New members include: Loretta Skaggs, Communicare; Charlotte Jones, Adolescent Services Coordinator; Libby Trager and April Vandemeter; Department of Community Based Services.

INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS

For our employers, there is a new resource publication and is available at no cost. "Kentucky's Workforce Tool Kit" is produced by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and is intended to assist in the building, training, and expanding of the workforce. The information includes various tips on how to find new employees or develop skills in current employees, and information on eligible tax credits. To get this valuable publication, log onto the Cabinet for Workforce Development website (<http://kycwd.org>) or contact Cassandra Bagley at (502) 564-6606.

LOCAL RAPID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

The local rapid response team has been very busy over the past few months providing services to employees affected by the closure and downsizing of several local companies.

Representatives of the Lincoln Trail Career Center as well as other community partners conducted information sessions for the employees of Inoac in Leitchfield; American Greetings in Bardstown; and Collis, Vac Magnetics, Superior Essex and Dana in Elizabethtown. Over 600 dislocated workers attended these sessions to hear about unemployment benefits, employment and training opportunities as well as other resources that will help them in their transition back into the workforce.

Many of those who attended indicated that they would be taking advantage of the services at the Career Center and were relieved to know that there were so many resources available. The Career Center partners are looking forward to helping these individuals with new and exciting employment opportunities.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM HOLDS TRAINING

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (Title V) held its annual training on June 13, 2002 at the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. There were 33 in attendance including enrollees, Host Agency supervisors, guests and Title V staff. Liz Johnson, Red Cross Disaster Chairman for Hardin and LaRue counties, gave a presentation on disasters; how to prepare for emergencies and agencies to contact for assistance.

PATHFINDERS SURVEY

The Lincoln Trail ADD on behalf of the Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board (WIB) commissioned a labor market survey for the eight county district and individual reports for each county. A consulting and site-selection firm, The Pathfinders, Inc. from Dallas, Texas conducted the survey. This report represents the objective and professional view of The Pathfinders regarding workforce availability, cost, skills and quality that a new employer can expect in the Lincoln Trail Area and within each county's labor area. The primary purpose of the survey was to obtain more quantitative information regarding the number of underemployed workers available. Underemployed workers are those who are currently working, possess the skills, experience and education to qualify them for pay rates at which they would take a new job and have indicated an interest in changing jobs. The survey also reports on employers' views skills, experience of the total workforce, and how underemployed workers in the Lincoln Trail Area compare with workers in other geographic regions.

In June we have concentrated on presenting the results of this survey at public events in all the Lincoln Trail counties. Events have so far been held in Marion, Washington, Nelson, Grayson, Hardin and Breckinridge counties. For more information regarding this survey or if anyone would like to have a copy, please contact Sherry Johnson or Jim Skees at the ADD office at 270-769-2393.



THE CAREGIVERS' SURVIVAL GUIDE

The third in a series of programs in support of healthy aging & community education was sponsored by the Lincoln Trail Mental Health and Aging Coalition on May 9th at the Communicare facility, Hardin County Industries. Attendance came from across the District as well as several people attending from outside of our area. The Coalition's mission is to support healthy aging and increase public awareness of mental health issues. Funding for the activities of the coalition come from the Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Pfizer, and CARITAS Home Health. Community support has enabled the Coalition to serve its mission well beyond available funding.



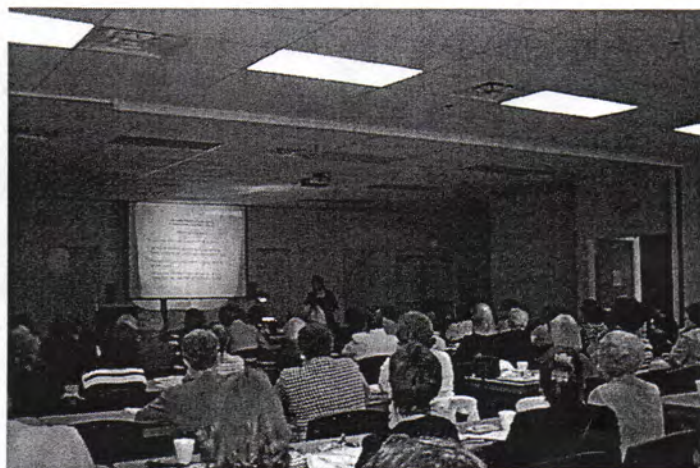
Karen Robinson, PHD, RN, presents on effective treatment of Alzheimer's Disease from the caregiver point of view.



Carolyn Chon, Pharmacist, discusses issues on medication misuse.



Dr. Carmen Pinto discusses Geriatric depression.



Barbara Helm speaks on "Understanding the special needs of people with Alzheimer's Disease".

**THE LINCOLN TRAIL SERVICE PROVIDERS GROUP
HOLDS ITS 16TH ANNUAL
SENIOR CELEBRATION!**

Approximately 500 seniors from across the Lincoln Trail District gathered at the Pritchard Community Center for the 16th annual "Senior Celebration". This year's theme, established by the U. S. Department for Health and Human Services is; "America: a community for all ages". The theme reflects the interconnectivity of the generations with particular focus on caregivers. Dr. Henry Combs, Communicare, Inc., was the Master of Ceremonies and presided over a full day of entertainment and education. Area service providers staffed information booths, Canteen Service Company donated meals for those in attendance and radio station KOOL 103.5 WASE provided live coverage of the event.



Refreshments

*Are you caring for a relative or friend ?
Are you calling to check on them ?
Taking them to the grocery, doctor, etc. ?
Helping with financial matters ?*

No Charge

*Are you providing some or all of their personal care ? Housekeeping ?
If you would like help in managing stress, improving caregiving skills and
exchanging ideas and experiences with others in similar situations then*

The Lincoln Trail Caregivers Support Group Is For You !!!

Encouragement & Support

*Join us on the:
3rd Wednesday
Each Month at 6:00 p.m.
at
Almost Family
1238 Woodland Drive
Elizabethtown, KY 42701*

Helpful Information

*This group is open to Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade,
Nelson and Washington County residents.*

*If you can't leave your loved one to attend or would like additional information,
please call Cathy Callahan at the Lincoln Trail Area Agency on Aging at
270-769-2393 or 1-800-264-0393*

Lincoln Trail Caregivers Support Group



*Sponsored by
The Lincoln Trail Area Agency on Aging
and
Almost Family, Inc.*

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LINCOLN TRAIL ADD ATTENDS NADO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The 2002 National Organization of Development Organizations (NADO) held its annual Washington Policy Conference in April. During the 2002 NADO Washington Policy Conference, participants heard from expert panelists about federal budgeting in a new environment and the dramatic impact the 2002 elections are having on the current domestic policy agenda. The meeting featured a pre-conference workshop on becoming a more effective grassroots advocate, the traditional networking roundtable discussion with officials from over 25 federal agencies, and the presentation of the NADO National Leadership Award and Congressional Partnership Awards to supportive members of Congress.

Three Lincoln Trail staff members, Wendell Lawrence, Janet Johnston, and Mike Burress, along with Chairman of the Board, Mr. Larry Gatewood, met with Congressman Ron Lewis while in Washington. The topic of discussion was various issues of community and economic development in the Lincoln Trail region.



From left to right: Larry Gatewood, Mike Burress, Congressman Ron Lewis, Wendell Lawrence, Janet Johnston

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

On May 1, the U. S. Bureau of the Census released data on qualifying urban areas for Census 2000. Two new urbanized areas have been identified in Kentucky: Bowling Green and Radcliff-Elizabethtown. Under the guidelines of the Federal Highway Administration, all urbanized areas with a population over 50,000 become Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). An MPO is set up to conduct Transportation Planning for the urbanized area. The Radcliff-Elizabethtown MPO will cover the Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Radcliff, and Vine Grove areas as well as some census blocks in unincorporated Hardin County.

The MPO will be responsible for carrying short and long range transportation planning and developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan, in accordance with standards set forth by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The transportation planning within the MPO planning area will be done in coordination with local officials and agencies through a Policy Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee. For further information regarding MPOs please contact Mike Skaggs, LTADD Transportation Planner.

LTADD Employee Additions



Tamara Taylor has assumed the position of Community Development Specialist. Tamara has a Master of Public Administration/Political Science from the University of Louisville. She was the Executive Director for the Nelson County Renaissance Community where she was responsible for the administration of Renaissance Kentucky/Main Street programs for Bardstown and Bloomfield.



Sue Ann Skipworth has assumed the position of Public Administration Specialist. Sue Ann has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelors Degree in Business from Western Kentucky University. Sue Ann worked in the Graduate Studies, Research & Extended Programs at Western as a Graduate Specialist and Assistant Editor for The Western Scholar.



Jesse Waltz has assumed the position of Client Services Manager. Jesse has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from Transylvania University. Jesse works out of the Lincoln Trail Career Center.



Dates of Interest

July	4	Independence Day – Office Closed
	10	Planning & Zoning Workshop
	12	Community Collaboration for Children Meeting
	17	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
	19	Vision Meeting
	25	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
August	1	Family Caregiver Coordinator Meeting
	16	Vision Meeting
	20/21	Governor's Local Issues Conference
	21	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
	22	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
	28	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
Sep.	2	Labor Day – Office Closed
	18	Lincoln Trail Aging Council
		Lincoln Trail Board of Directors Meeting
	19	Community Collaborations for Children Meeting
	20	Vision Meeting
	25	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
		Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board
	26	Lincoln Trail 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.



Jonathan Harris has assumed the position of GIS Specialist. Jonathan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography/Geographic Information Systems from Eastern Kentucky. Jonathan was an intern at Cumberland Valley ADD in London and was responsible for the data collection and mapping for 911 and centerline projects.

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**Denotes LTADD Executive Committee*

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