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PADD Board members Trigg County Judge-Executive Stan Humphries, Todd County Citizen Member Barry Groves, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, and Board Chairman Bart Frazer, along with Executive Director Chris Sutton & Assistant Director Jason Vincent, attended the NADO Washington Policy Conference March 21 - 23, 2011. Topics addressed included: Community & Economic Development, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Workforce Development. The group also visited Capitol Hill and met with Legislative staff from the offices of Congressman Ed Whitfield, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Senator Rand Paul to discuss local, state and national issues important to the Pennyribe Region.

AMFINE CHEMICAL AND DOUGLAS AUTO TECH CORPORATIONS ANNOUNCE JOB EXPANSIONS

Gov. Steve Beshear today joined community leaders, Douglas Autotech Corporation, and Amfine Chemical Corporation officials in Hopkinsville to announce corporate investments by the two companies in Christian County.



Douglas Autotech Corporation will expand its operation, investing more than \$17.3 million. The automotive supplier will add nine new vehicle programs and create 65 new jobs as a result of the expansion. The Hopkinsville plant, which is located at 206 Commerce Court, will immediately begin its retooling efforts and expects to ramp up all nine vehicle programs by 2013. The facility currently employs 99 people.



Amfine Chemical Corporation will update its existing facility, investing more than \$2.7 million, to meet growing demand and position itself for long-term growth. The project will also allow the company to maintain its existing 45 employees, while adding another two hires. The Hopkinsville plant, which began operations in 2000, will be expanded by 2,000 square feet. The investment will add a slurry holding/second reactor vessel and will allow the company to export product to support the growing needs of its parent company, ADEKA, in Asia, while supporting its sales growth in the United States.



BREMNER WAREHOUSE EXPANSION

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 as Mayor Gale Cherry and Judge Executive Brock Thomas joined Bremner Food Group officials to announce the 197,000 square foot warehouse expansion at their facility complex located in Princeton, Kentucky. Completion of the project around late September or early October will mean an additional 12 new jobs. Bremner manufactures assorted cookies and crackers.



**Photo furnished by "The Times Leader" and Jared Nelson.*



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Regional Transportation Committee met on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Pennyryle Area Development District Office in Hopkinsville. Highway project updates were presented by Jim LeFevre, District 1; Kevin McClearn, District 2; and Deneatra Henderson, District 3.

The Prioritization Meeting for County projects is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2011.

2011 CDBG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Department for Local Government (DLG) has announced its 2011 funding cycle for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2011 until close of business on October 3, 2011. The following program areas are eligible during this funding cycle: Economic Development, Public Facilities, Housing, Community Projects/Renaissance on Main, Community Emergency Relief Fund, Public Services (Recovery Kentucky), and Microenterprise Development.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the CDBG program for DLG to provide assistance to communities for use in revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities, and providing infrastructure and/or improving community facilities and services. With the participation of their citizens, communities can devote these funds to a wide range of activities that best serve their own particular development priorities.

Previously funded CDBG Projects

All project activities must meet at least one of three national objectives:

- Benefit to low and moderate income persons
- Prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Meeting particularly urgent community development needs.

For more information regarding the CDBG Program, please contact Amy Frogue at (270) 886-9484.



A. W. Watts Senior Citizens Center, Christian

GRANT OPPORTUNITY - ILLEGAL DUMP

The Division of Waste Management will begin accepting applications for the **Illegal Open Dump Remediation Grant** on June 1, 2011. This program is available to eligible counties for the elimination of illegal open dumps. While vegetation is still low, inspect your county for illegal dumps (2 cubic yards or more) and request from the field office a required pre-inspection. Deadline is September 1, 2011. For more detailed information, please contact Ashley Johnson at 270-886-9484 or by email at ashley.johnson@ky.gov.



Crittenden County Health Department

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Caldwell County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Pennyryle District Health Department, has been awarded \$500,000 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant program to assist with financing the construction of a new 13,754 square foot health department in Princeton, Kentucky. The department is in desperate need to relocate its clinic from its current location due to both space limitations as well as suitable facility standards to which the center must subscribe.

Due to issues with space, the current health department cannot facilitate mass family planning clinics and other group activities. The project allows for a community room to be used for health education, training, and other community events. The increase in space will result in greater efficiency throughout the health department. The Caldwell County Health Department plays a vital role in the overall health in its community and will greatly benefit from its new facility.

AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING NEWS

The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living has collaborated with Dr. Kala Chakradhar of Murray State University to participate in the ITV sessions for gerontology classes.

Jill Collins, Aging Coordinator and Sheila Martin, CDO Support Broker conducted a series of video interviews with Dr. Chakradhar. The session will focus on the multifaceted role of case managers within social service programs, obstacles and barriers to service delivery in rural areas, and how to expand services through grant opportunities.



The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living also host student social work student interns during the fall/spring semesters. If you are interested in learning more about the programs and opportunities through the Area Agency on Aging, contact Jill Collins at jill.collins@ky.gov or by phone at 270-886-9484.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRANT AWARD

The Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living and the City of Hopkinsville Division of Parks and Recreation received a \$1,000 grant from the Human Development Institute to improve access to the DeBow Recreational Complex for persons with disabilities. The City of Hopkinsville has been in the process of renovating the DeBow Complex since early 2009. The grant money will be used to construct an additional 9 horseshoe pits and a shuffleboard deck at the complex located on North Drive in Hopkinsville.

The AAAIL collaborates with the City of Hopkinsville Division of Parks and Recreation each year for the Senior Games. This year the Senior Games will be held September 19th through the 21st. The horseshoe pits and shuffleboard decks are among the most popular events at the Senior Games, resulting in long lines to participate. Adding more horse shoe pits and a shuffleboard deck will improve participation of senior citizens and persons with disabilities at the Senior Games and other community events held at the DeBow Complex.

The Human Development Institute's mission is to promote the independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with disabilities and their families throughout their life span. The goal of this grant is to promote inclusive recreational opportunities for all persons with and without disabilities. If you would like to know more about the grant, please contact James Patterson at 1-800-928-7233. More information about the Human Development Institute can be found at <http://hdi.uky.edu/SF/Home.aspx>



Sheila Clark, West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board Director, received the "Bob Craig Workforce Professional of the Year" award at the Southeastern Employment & Training Association Spring Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. This annual award is bestowed on an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association. Ms. Clark is the Kentucky State Representative and serves on the Executive Board.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE NEWS

DENSO Air Systems, a leading supplier of advanced automotive technology systems and components for all the world's major automakers, has recently announced a plant will open in Hopkinsville. A job fair was held for DENSO Americas in Hopkinsville on Friday, April 1, 2011 to begin filling 80 production, warehousing, and quality associate positions for a summer 2011 start. Over 260 individuals attended the job fair with the opportunity to complete TABE testing, applications, and first interviews were performed onsite. The West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board in cooperation with Hopkinsville Community College staffed the job fair.



"PENNYRILE FUTURE" - ACTION PLAN REVEAL

April 19, 2011 - 10:30 a.m. (CDT)

WKWIB/PADD Board Room, Hopkinsville

After extensive analysis and strategic planning, the "Pennyrile Future" Action Plan will be revealed. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Cindy Massie at 270-886-9484 or via email at cindy.massie@ky.gov by April 13th.

YOUTH PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE

**April 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (CDT)
Lake Barkley State Resort Park
(Elizabeth Hooks Room)**

Five (5) proposals for continued youth funding will be considered.



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