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PADD 42ND ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

A crowd of 400 from around the region gathered at the James E. Bruce Convention Center on June 13th to celebrate the 42nd Annual Dinner Meeting of the Pennyrile Area Development District. The annual event was hosted by Planters Bank of Hopkinsville and America's only DIS-illusionist Billy Riggs and Guitarist Alonzo Pennington provided entertainment for the evening.

PADD paid special tribute to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell by presenting them with PADD's W.W. Bill Bryan award. The award was accepted by Brigadier Generals Jeffrey N. Colt and Warren E. Phipps. The award was to honor the service, sacrifice, and contributions given by those in uniform at Ft. Campbell and their families.

In other business, Board Members John Evans of Caldwell County and Barry Groves of Todd County were recognized for five years of service to the PADD Board of Directors. In addition, several citizen members were elected to serve for three year terms from throughout the region including: Austin Moss (Christian County); Bart Frazer (Crittenden County); Jenny Sewell (Hopkins County); Mayor Lee McCollum and Amy Riley (Lyon County) and Steve Allen and Octavia Vinson (Trigg County).



BREATHITT/PENNYRILE PARKWAY RIBBON CUTTING



Governor Steve Beshear spoke at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Breathitt/Pennyrile Parkway to I-24 Extension on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the James E. Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville, KY. Linda Breathitt, daughter of Governor Ned Breathitt, Senator Joey Pendleton, Representative Myron Dossett, Representative John Tilley, and Secretary Mike Hancock of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet were also in attendance.





WIA YOUTH GET SUMMER INTERSHIPS AT THE HOPKINSVILLE MAYOR'S OFFICE



Two WIA Youth Program participants were chosen to work in the Mayor's Office this summer. Krislin Gray and Kendall Owen (pictured) are making good use of their time this summer before heading to college at Kentucky State University (KSU). They have been given the opportunity to gain work experience at the Mayor's Office in Hopkinsville.

Kendall graduated from CCHS with honors and received a full scholarship to KSU where he is planning to major in Criminal Justice. Krislin is also a recent CCHS graduate who is attending KSU with a full scholarship. She is interested in a career in Social Work or Psychology. Congratulations and good luck!

PROJECT WATER ASSISTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

The Commonwealth of Kentucky received a National Emergency Grant (NEG), awarded to the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet in the amount of \$4,276,514 on June 10, 2011 to create approximately 317 temporary jobs for eligible dislocated workers to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts as a result of the effects of the Kentucky severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

The West Kentucky Workforce Board (WKWIB) has been awarded a large portion of the Kentucky grant (totaling \$2,732,930.00) to assist our region with disaster clean-up efforts and help long term dislocated workers earn money simultaneously.



This project, named Project WATER will provide temporary workers to Cities, Counties, State Parks, and Public and Private Nonprofit agencies to assist with cleanup activities. The activities could include debris removal, repairing items which were damaged during the storms, cleanup of waterways, parks, playgrounds and cemeteries, replanting of trees and any other tasks which were storm related. The grant pays the workers' salaries and costs of their required personal safety equipment.

The City of Cadiz, Pennyriple Park and Caldwell County took the first workers with 22 placed by the end of the first week and others being placed daily. Our goal is to employ 200 individuals who are looking for work experience and possibly lead to a permanent position in the future.

For additional information please contact the West Kentucky Workforce Board at 1-800-928-7233 or 270-886-9484 or find us online at www.wkwib.org.

AREA ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

HOME DELIVERED AND CONGREGATE MEALS

The Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living currently provides the following services within the Pennyriple Region: home delivered meals and congregate meals (served at senior citizens centers).

Eligibility requirements and availability details can be obtained by contacting the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) – Jill Collins at jill.collins@ky.gov or Amanda Stokes at amanda.stokes@ky.gov or by phone at 886-9484.

Further service details are available online at www.peadd.org. Please contact AAA if you or someone you know is in need of any of the services provided in the Pennyriple Region.



CAREGIVER OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Kentucky Caregiver Program held an open enrollment for grandparents raising grandchildren on June 23, 2011. Seventeen grandparents attended the event and were assisted in the application process.

The program provides various types of assistance to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. The program provides supplemental assistance to purchase clothing, school supplies, bedding, and other items to assist grandparents financially. Eligibility for the program is contingent on income, age, and other aid being received.

In addition to supplemental income, the Kentucky Caregiver Program offers respite assistance and facilitates a support group that meets the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information regarding the Kentucky Family Caregiver Program, please contact Debra Cansler at 1-800-928-7233.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY GRANT PERIOD OPENS

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has announced the opening of their grant cycle under the States' Economic Development Assistance Program. This grant program is available to city and county governments as well as non-profit entities that are within the DRA member states' counties and parishes. All nine counties of in the Pennyriple ADD are included in the DRA region and are eligible for funding. These funds may be used to fund projects for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, and business development. Interested applicants should contact the Pennyriple Area Development District to begin the application process. All applications must be electronically submitted through the newly-created www.dragrants.gov website by August 4, 2011. For more information regarding the DRA grant program, please contact Jason Vincent or Amy Frogue at 270-886-9484.

PADD ASSISTS COUNTIES IN REAPPORTIONMENT

As required by Kentucky Revised Statutes, counties are required to re-evaluate the populations within their Magisterial Districts after the decennial Census. Using a GIS computer program developed by the Bluegrass ADD, PADD's GIS staff has worked with the Commissioners of most Pennyriple counties to evaluate the 2010 population in their Districts and suggest re-alignment of district boundaries as needed to ensure they meet the KRS requirement: ". . .compact, contiguous, and the population of each district shall be as nearly equal as is reasonably possible."



Caldwell County's Reapportionment Commission deliberates alignment.

This process is an excellent example of how the use of current GIS technology can greatly speed accurate decision making in our region. Of all counties assisted, the longest any Commission took for a recommended solution was two hours, the shortest time was only twenty minutes! PADD's GIS staff may be able to help with a solution to other issues – contact us to see.

\$3.5 MILLION IN WASTE GRANTS

On June 14, 2011, Governor Steve Beshear announced that the Kentucky Pride Fund, administered by the Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management, awarded 73 grants totaling \$3.5 million. The Kentucky Pride Fund is funded through the \$1.75 fee for each ton of municipal solid waste disposed of in Kentucky landfills. The grants require a 25 percent local match in the form of cash or "in-kind" personnel, educational materials, educational activities and advertising to promote the program from the cities or counties receiving the awards. Pennyriple grant recipients, along with the grant amounts are as follows:

Recycling Grants:

City of Central City - \$38,800.00
 City of Dawson Springs - \$21,499.95
 City of Madisonville - \$26,900.00
 Pennyriple Regional Recycling Corporation - \$70,694.61
 Pennyriple Solid Waste Management Authority - \$37,292.22

Household Hazardous Waste Grants (HHW):

City of Madisonville and Hopkins County - \$30,000.00
 Pennyriple Solid Waste Management Authority - \$21,500.00

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

The PADD Transportation Committee met on June 16, 2011 to rank and prioritize highway projects in the region as part of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's planning process that requires input from the Area Development Districts on the most important and needed proposed highway projects in the region. The PADD Transportation Committee chose the following *Over All Top Ten* highway projects below. These proposed highway projects will be forwarded to the Transportation Cabinet and be considered for possible funding in the next State Highway Plan in 2012. Projects were prioritized in four categories and are available on Transportation Page on the PADD website at http://www.peadd.org/files/Office_Documents/projects/PennyriplePrioritization2011.xls.

#	COUNTY	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	Caldwell	NEW	New Princeton Southern Connector from KY 293 to KY 139	\$6.5 M
2	Lyon	KY 93	Construct Left Turn Lane at Riverport Entrance	\$1.7 M
3	Muhlenberg	KY 181	Reconstruction from KY 189 at Greenville to Wendell H. Ford National Guard Training Center N of the W.K. Parkway	\$16.3 M
4	Todd	KY 294	Reconstruction from TN State Line (M.P. 0.00) to KY 181 (M.P. 2.9)	\$1.5 M
5	Hopkins	NEW	New Connector between Center Street and Island Ford Rd. West of E.T. Breathitt Pky and East of CSXT's Earlington cut-off in Madisonville	\$11.8 M
6	Crittenden	US 60	Construct Left Turn Lane at Left Turn Lane at Hospital in Marion	\$4.7M
7	Trigg	NEW	New Northeast Connector from US 68 approx. 2.5 MI W of I-24 to KY 778 N of Cadiz	\$15 M
8	Christian	KY 1007	North Dr - Reconstruct 3 Lane from US 68 to Sanderson Rd in Hopkinsville	\$15.8 M
9	Caldwell	KY 91	Reconstruction from W.K. Parkway to KY 139 In Princeton	\$7.2 M
10	Livingston	US 60	Section 1 of Proposed Smithland Bypass from US 60 at MP 10.0 to Joe Grimmett Rd.	\$107.5M



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