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PADD DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING



The PADD Board of Directors met on Monday, December 12, 2011 in Hopkinsville at the PADD Office. The annual Christmas luncheon was well attended and entertainment was provided by the Hopkinsville High School Choir, directed by Myra and Lloyd Sutton. General Assembly Members provided a 2012 Kentucky Legislative Outlook, Federal legislative reports were given, as well as reports from KCADD, KACo and KLC. The Pennyrite 2012 Legislative Priorities were also presented.



To keep up to date on the latest PADD news, check out our website at www.peadd.org & our Facebook page.



PADD WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Lyon County Citizen Member, Jaison Riley, joined the PADD Board of Directors in December 2011. Jaison has an Associate of Applied Sciences degree from West Kentucky Technical College and is the owner of Buchanon's Floors. He serves as a Council member to the City of Kuttawa and enjoys boating, water skiing, hiking, biking and golfing. Welcome Jaison!



2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Pennyrile Area Development District 2012 Legislative Priorities document is available on our website at www.peadd.org. This document provides information regarding Water, Wastewater, and Transportation Projects, Regional Initiatives, Workforce Training and Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living information, as well as contact information for PADD Staff and Kentucky Senate and House Legislators.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Grant Application Deadlines

Several application cycles are currently open for various grant opportunities. Please be aware of the following deadlines for application submittal:

Grant Program	Deadline
Crumb Rubber Grant	1/31/2012
Recreational Trails Program	3/30/2012
Land and Water Conservation Fund	4/30/2012

Please contact Amy Frogue at the PADD office with questions or for assistance with developing applications for the above programs.

US 60 Tennessee River Bridge

The new US 60 Tennessee River Bridge at Ledbetter is on schedule to be completed by the summer of 2014. All but three (3) of the bridge piers are fully constructed. Construction on two (2) of these uncompleted piers are being hampered by high water, and the winter rains have slowed work on the bridge approaches on both sides of the river. The work on the bridge's superstructure is continuing and is on schedule. Of the 28 panels needed to complete the bridge's superstructure (deck), two (2) panels are currently in place. The bridge is currently about one-third complete. The new bridge is a \$95 million project that is being built under a contract with Kay and Kay Construction and Haydon Brothers Bridge Company.

(Photo below provided by Kurt Engelhardt, Livingston Ledger News)



(Photos above and below provided by Keith Todd, KYTC)



AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Forgotten Angel Tree



We cannot thank everyone enough for the tremendous generosity shown for the 5th Annual Forgotten Angel Project. Forgotten Angels are residents in Personal Care Homes who have been forgotten by friends, family, and society. We were amazed each day by the donations and gifts that arrived throughout the project and the overwhelming response from our community and friends. 2011 was our largest year yet, serving **255** Forgotten Angels.

Thanks to the many volunteers that helped with gift wrapping and delivery of gifts. It was a blessing to see the pride taken in this project and the many citizens in our community that made it possible.

We look forward to serving an even larger number of Forgotten Angels next year with your continued support and generosity! For more information about the Forgotten Angel Tree Program contact Cindy Tabor, District Ombudsman, at 270-886-9484.

Pennyrile Comprehensive Needs Assessment Survey

The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living is conducting a needs assessment of Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg County. The survey will help identify service gaps, and inform how those services are provided.

1853 surveys have been distributed. The surveys were sent to a variety of individuals including senior citizens, community partners, support groups, housing authority offices, health departments, county extension offices, churches, legislators, and long-term care facility residents. A diverse group of respondents will yield better results and useful answers.

In addition to direct mailings the survey is also available on the Pennyrile Area Development District Website: www.peadd.org. The survey will be available on the website until January 17, 2012.

Respondents are asked to determine whether services provide by the AAAIL and our contracted partners are a high priority, low priority or no priority. The data will allow us to get an idea of what our clients believe are priority services. The results of the survey will be available by February 10th.

The deadline for surveys to be returned is January 17, 2012. So far, 107 surveys have been collected, but the majority of surveys were provided to the Senior Center directors to collect and return to the AAAIL. If you have any questions about the needs assessment survey, please contact James Patterson or Jill Collins at 1-800-928-7233.



WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD



The Army Community Service (ACS) office celebrated the holiday season with an Open House on December 16, 2011. The ACS equips soldiers and their families with the skills and support they need to face the challenges of military life successfully. The West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board assists the Family Employment Readiness (FERP) program through ACS at Fort Campbell. Some of the services provided are: providing employment assistance to spouses of active duty personnel, Department of Defense civilians and retirees and their families. Training and services include: on/off post employer information, job search planning, resume assistance, Federal job search training and Family Information and Training (FIT) plan, which includes information seminars, specialty workshops and one-on-one counseling. For more information on FERP contact (270) 798-4289 or by email at employment@fortcampbellmwr.com.





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