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## Leadership Abounds Throughout the Pennyriile Region



Pepperdine University recently conducted a survey of crisis management experts to determine what sort of individual makes the best crisis response / recovery leader. A few of the characteristics identified include coordinated, decisive, able to communicate, able to facilitate, able to handle stress, able to listen, critical thinking and responsible.

As we've watched everything unfold since the evening hours of December 10, I've been most impressed and proud of the leadership shown at the local, state and federal levels. It's been said many times in the past; however, it's always

worth mentioning again and again that our region is a better place to live because of the leaders we have.

As in many instances, our staff has been working mostly behind the scenes to respond and support the region's community leaders. Soon after the tornado struck, PeADD staff began to locate and communicate with all our Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) clients. In addition, our GIS department provided mapping services to assist with the search / rescue efforts as well as volunteer coordination. Within a few days of the storm, staff had mobilized throughout the region to assist with unemployment and job search assistance.

Soon, our region will be in the recovery phase. I'm excited about the possibilities, excited to see our communities come together and build back better than we could ever dream. PeADD staff stand ready to assist.

- Jason Vincent, PeADD Executive Director

## PeADD Recognizes Pennyriile Region's Health Departments

On December 28, 2021, Pennyriile ADD announced the 2021 recipients of the John C. Mahre Regionalism Award.

In 1981, the Pennyriile Area Development District (PeADD) began presenting the W.W. Bill Bryan Award annually to an individual or group of individuals who made outstanding contributions and serves as great examples of regional cooperation and leadership in various ways. This award was named for W. W. Bill Bryan, who served as the first Chairman of the Pennyriile ADD Board and was a prominent figure in Hopkinsville. He was instrumental in the formation of the Pennyriile ADD back in the 1960's.

One of the last individuals to receive this award was John C. Mahre for all the contributions he's made and continues to make, not only for the Pennyriile region, but the entire state of Kentucky. Earlier this year, it was unanimously approved by the PeADD Executive Committee to rename the award in honor of John C. Mahre and award annually to individuals or groups who meet the definition.

This year, the Pennyriile Area Development District recognized the Pennyriile region's nine Health Departments with the 2021 John C. Mahre Regionalism Award.

Despite intense media coverage of the pandemic, there has been limited public recognition of the role of our local health departments in preparing for and responding to crises such as COVID-19. There are nine health departments in our region to protect and promote the health of cities and counties. When the rubber meets the road, the health departments are at the forefront of responding to outbreaks and critical for mitigating the spread of infection. *Congratulations!*



# **Community & Economic Development**

# Grant Funding Opportunities

The application period is currently open for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Grants Programs. Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply for funds under these programs.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas and passive parks. The minimum request is \$25,000 and the maximum is \$250,000. The LWCF is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program. **Applications are due May 31, 2022.**

The **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and/or

maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. The RTP benefits communities and enhances quality of life. All trails that receive money under this program must remain open to the public and maintained for perpetuity. The minimum request under this program is \$25,000 and the maximum is \$250,000. The RTP is an 80/20 matching reimbursement program.

**Applications are due May 31, 2022.**

The **Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Management Grants Program** is funded by the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The funds are to develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage Household Hazardous Waste and provide recycling and HHW public education programs. Any county, waste management district, city, urban-county government or other political subdivision of the state or any combination of the above, including school districts, shall be eligible to apply. The grant is a 75/25 match grant. **Applications will be due on April 1, 2022.**

Interested parties may contact Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at the PADD office at (270) 886-9484 for application information.

# **Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living**



# **Forgotten Angels 2021 is a Huge Success**

2021 was the most successful year to date for the Forgotten Angels program all because of YOU! This was our 15th year and we served all the Personal Care Home residents, nearly 400 total, in the Pennyridge district. Please be sure to visit PADD's Facebook page to see some of the photos of the heartwarming, generous, lavish and thoughtful gifts that were donated. Every year we stand amazed and in awe of the love and thoughtfulness of our community who give so freely to those in need.

A special shout out to First United Methodist Church in Hopkinsville who adopted our largest number of angels, 100. Every angel adopted is appreciated and the program would not exist without each and everyone of you. Also, a huge

thank you to two very special volunteers who donated so much of their time in the final days of preparation: Denise Rambo and LaDonna Cates. We are grateful for each person that helped make this year's Forgotten Angels program such a success! For more information about the Forgotten Angels program, contact Cindy Tabor, Ombudsman, at 270-886-9484 or [cindy.tabor@ky.gov](mailto:cindy.tabor@ky.gov).

## **Senior Center Update**

All nine senior centers in the Pennyridge region continue to remain open and are providing congregate meals and curbside meals. The current daily average attendance at the senior centers for the Pennyridge region is 190 congregate meals clients and 70 curbside meals clients.

Due to funding constraints, the temporary COVID-19 home delivered meals transitioned to congregate meals and/or curbside meals effective December 13, 2021. Notification letters were provided in advance to the temporary clients that detailed their options for accessing meals. Since the transition, the average daily home delivered meals count has decreased from 915 to 252 home delivered meals.

Individuals needing meals or in-home assistance can contact the Pennyridge Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396 for more information, eligibility screening, and referral to potential services/programs.

# **Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living**

## **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group**

Across the United States, more than 5.8 million children under the age of 18 live in households headed by grandparents. When parents are absent or unable to raise their children, grandparents are often the ones who step in.

Grandparents, or other relatives, are increasingly responsible for the children in their family. Some grandparents take on this unexpected challenge in retirement, while others continue to juggle a career and other responsibilities as they lead their families.

A goal of the National Family Caregiver Program is to address the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. The

program has a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren in order to build support and provide education on other services available in the region.



The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meets virtually on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Contact Miranda White, NFCSP Coordinator, at 270-886-9484 or [miranda.white@ky.gov](mailto:miranda.white@ky.gov) for more information on how you can join!

## **West Kentucky Workforce**

### **WKWB Establishes Temporary Service Centers with School Districts**

The West Kentucky Workforce Board collaborated with two local school districts to establish temporary service centers so that citizens could file new unemployment insurance claims associated with loss of employment due to the December 10 tornados, replace personal identification documents, apply for jobs, or handle other online needs. While the Paducah and Hopkinsville Career Centers, along with JobNet in Madisonville also assisted citizens with such services, these temporary sites were opened so that citizens could easily access services without burden.



Sites were established on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Dawson Springs High School located 317 Eli Street in Dawson Springs, KY, which assisted 50 individuals and Graves County High School located at 1220 Eagles Way, Mayfield, KY, which assisted over 500 individuals. Workforce staff, along with individuals from the Kentucky Office of Career Development and Purchase and Pennyroyal Area Development District, were available to assist individuals access the websites residents need.

For more information and tornado resources, visit the WKWB website at [wkworkforce.work](http://wkworkforce.work) or our Facebook page.

### **WKWB to Receive Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant Funding**

The U.S. Department of Labor on December 22 announced \$8,333,333 in funding to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to support disaster-relief employment after a series of deadly tornadoes on Dec. 10 caused extensive damage.

Administered by the Department's Employment and Training Administration, the funds are the first increment of a Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant of up to of \$25 million for the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training to create temporary employment opportunities to assist with clean-up and recovery activities. The funds will support efforts in sixteen counties, nine of them being in the West Kentucky Workforce local area, specifically Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Marshall, Lyon, Caldwell, Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Christian.

Supported by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, National Dislocated Worker Grants provide funding assistance to temporarily expand the service capacity of dislocated worker programs at the state and local levels when large, unexpected economic events cause significant job losses.

The WKWB Executive Committee hopes to meet next week to finalize budget numbers for allocations to the local region.

# Employee Recognition



Amy Fugue is the Associate Director of Community and Economic Development. Amy began working at the Pennyville ADD on January 16, 2002, where she was hired as the Program Assistant for the Community and Economic Development Department. During her tenure with the ADD, she has held the positions of Highway Safety Coordinator, Community Development Specialist, and Director of Community

Development. In 2014, Amy was promoted to her current position within the CED Department. Amy is responsible for the oversight and coordination of the Community and Economic Development Department, providing assistance to cities, counties and special districts with regard to financing and developing projects.

Amy is a graduate of Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. While employed at PADD, she earned a Master of Business Administration (2004) and Master of Public Administration (2009) from Murray State University. She has completed leadership programs with the Delta Leadership Institute, the National Association of Counties, and the Christian County Chamber of Commerce. Amy has served on the Todd County Board of Education, TCMS Site Based Council, the Hopkinsville Young Professionals and Pennyville Children's Advocacy Center Boards, and the Murray State MPA Advisory Board.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys camping, boating, traveling, and spending as much time as possible outdoors. She resides in Todd County with her children, Alexis and Paxton.

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