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LCADD Hosts Annual Meeting
Russell & Green Receive CDBG Grants
LAF Receives Community Foundation Certification
LCADD Hosts 2014 Annual Meeting at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

On September 25, about 200 people gathered at the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown, Kentucky, for the Lake Cumberland Area Development District’s (LCADD) 2014 Annual Meeting.

Ralph Hood, humorist and motivational speaker, was the special guest for the evening event.

During the Annual Meeting, numerous awards and gifts were also presented to LCADD board members and staff.

In this issue of the LCADD News, you’ll find the Annual Meeting profiled through photos.
LCADD Strives to Make a Difference for Region and People

By Donna Diaz

As we celebrate the 45th anniversary of the creation of Lake Cumberland Area Development District this year, we have taken the opportunity to honor the past and reflect on our beginnings; we have worked diligently to meet the needs of our region; and we have positioned this institution that we call “the ADD” to adapt to the many changes that we face in the future.

Throughout the entire 45-year history, it is safe to say that the only constant has been change. Our mission, as a regional planning and service organization, is to serve as extended staff to our county and city governments, industrial and economic development groups, utilities, special purpose governmental entities and non-profits in meeting a wide variety of needs as they are identified locally.

I am proud to say that we have remained true to this mission for almost half a century, growing and adapting as goals have been achieved, problems solved, issues resolved and needs change.

We took a moment earlier this year to honor the past as we dedicated our office building, naming it the Pat Bell Building in honor of the agency’s first executive director. We reflected on the early efforts to create a regional agency, develop the membership to include all 10 counties and 14 cities that were a part of the enabling legislation and set up offices and staff with a total budget of $56,000 granted from the Economic Development Administration. Local dues of $.08 per capita were set in 1969, and remain at that level to this day.

Staff worked hard all through the year to administer today’s programs in a way to provide the most positive impact possible with resources that continue to diminish.

Our core staff in both the planning and community/economic development departments continue to do a great job in providing core services. They take care of all mandated planning for our units of government and respond to your requests for assistance by preparing many dozens of applications for project funding and administering those grants.

Our administration and finance staff work hard as the “umbrella” for all programs and services provided by the numerous departments within the agency. We also continued to offer staffing and services to Lake Area Foundation, the community foundation umbrella created to allow all public service and non-profit entities throughout the region to work toward self-sufficiency to counter-balance diminishing resources.

As many program changes loom, senior staff in the aging and workforce departments has attended many planning sessions, informational meetings and trainings, bringing information back to board and committees as it becomes available.

The major changes in the coming year(s) will be to these two programs. Changes in our aging and waiver programs will be implemented as we receive instruction to do so. Senior staff has participated in meetings to plan and implement these changes.

The new federal workforce legislation is identified as Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and will replace WIA with some changes to the program. This will be the fifth workforce program change which has been administered by our agency: Manpower, CETA, JTPA, WIA, and now WIOA.

Each of these programs retained much of the previous while adapting to changing needs, much as this agency has done over the years. Workforce directors from across the state have been meeting to review the new legislation and identify adjustments which must be made to our current system in order to comply with new regulations.

The success of the agency is the responsibility of all of us collectively, as we work together as board, committees, volunteers and staff. Everyone working together as a cohesive unit makes for success. We can be proud to call ourselves a team and we know that Together Everyone Achieves More.

To our board members: Thank you for your faithful attendance and attention to the business at hand. Some of you serve as a result of your election to public office and have recognized the importance of coming together as a region. We will be saying a

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On the Cover:

Autumn makes its appearance at 76 Falls in Clinton County.
Joe Williams, field representative from the Governor’s office, presents leadership awards to LCADD board officers during the Annual Meeting. Left to right: LCADD Chairman Yevette Haskins, Taylor County, and LCADD Vice Chairman, Tony Young, Mayor of Campbellsville. Also recognized for their leadership were LCADD Secretary Barty Bullock, Pulaski County Judge-Executive, and LCADD Treasurer Greg Rankin, Wayne County Judge-Executive.

Joe Williams distributes gifts of appreciation to the remaining members of the LCADD Executive Committee. Top, left to right: Janet Clark, Citizen Member from Russell County; Ronald Wright, Casey County Judge-Executive; and Allan Chapman, Citizen Member from McCreary County. Above: Keith Riddle, Mayor of Burkesville, and Nicky Smith, Mayor of Albany. Also recognized for serving were Misty Edwards, Green County Judge-Executive, and Ann Melton, Adair County Judge-Executive.
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On October 20, 2014, the City of Albany held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of construction on its new four-bay fire station. The $667,047 project was funded using a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant and $167,047 from city funds.

Green County Receives Funds for Pump Track for Cyclists

In October, the Green County Fiscal Court received a $25,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund Award for use on the Green County Pump Track project. This new cycling track will be constructed in the Green County American Legion Park and will create a new recreational opportunity for bicyclists of all skill levels.

CDBG Grant Supports Green County Water Project

On October 23, 2014, Gov. Steve Beshear presented a ceremonial check for $1,000,000 to the Green County Fiscal Court. The Community Development Block Grant will be used as partial funding for the Greensburg Water Treatment Plant project.

Construction Progress

Top, the Pulaski County Senior Center and Alzheimer’s Center in Somerset is expected to open in December. Above, construction continues on the Casey County Community and Education Center in Liberty.
On August 22, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law creating one of HUD’s hallmark programs — the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974 merged seven individual competitive grant programs into a block grant providing local communities the flexibility to decide for themselves how best to meet their own community development needs.

For the next 40 years, thousands of cities, urban counties and rural communities have come to rely upon this critical resource, investing $144 billion to undertake a wide variety of activities from improving public facilities to producing affordable housing.

CDBG’s impact can be measured in every corner of the U.S. and in the lives of millions of Americans, 95% of whom are low-to-moderate-income citizens.

Last year alone, the program allowed state and local governments to help nearly 28,000 individuals find permanent employment or keep the full-time jobs they have. CDBG also supported the rehabilitation of nearly 95,000 homes and financed public improvement projects that benefitted an estimated 3.3 million residents in communities from coast to coast.

On October 27, 2014, Department for Local Government (DLG) Commissioner Tony Wilder joined Russell County Judge-Executive Gary Robertson to announce $1 million to support economic development and job growth in Russell County.

The $1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will be administered by DLG and will allow the Russell County Fiscal Court to purchase equipment to lease to local manufacturer Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems, Inc.

Governor Steve Beshear affirmed his support for the project. “I applaud Russell County for their innovative use of this grant to purchase and lease equipment to support a business that employs local citizens. The lease will produce a quality return on investment,” said Gov. Beshear.

“I offer my thanks to the many state, local and business partners who worked together to make this project happen and are helping boost the community’s local economy.”

The $1 million CDBG will allow the Russell County Fiscal Court and the Russell County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) to purchase plastic injection molding equipment to offer Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems through a capitalized lease. RCIDA will lease the equipment to the company at a rate of two percent for eight years.

“This project is a win-win for local government and local business in Russell County,” said Commissioner Wilder.

“The lease agreement will allow Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems to more efficiently grow their business, which in turn will create more stable jobs and investment in the community.”

“We appreciate Dr. Schneider being a partner with our local government in helping create new jobs for our citizens and look forward to working with Dr. Schneider in the future to move our county forward by expanding their company here in Russell County,” said Judge Robertson.

This past April, Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems cut the ribbon on its $29 million parts manufacturing operation in Russell Springs, which is creating 155 full-time jobs for the community. The 64,000-square-foot plant will manufacture parts for companies such as Ford, BMW, Mercedes, Audi and more.

The German-based automotive supplier is an 87-year-old family enterprise and a pioneer in the processing of plastics and produces high-end vent and trim systems for top automotive original equipment manufacturers around the world.

To encourage the investment and job creation in Russell Springs, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority preliminarily approved the company for tax incentives up to $4 million through the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based incentive allows a company to keep a portion of its investment over the term of the agreement through corporate income tax credits and wage assessments by meeting job and investment targets.

The state’s CDBG program is administered by DLG and funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Kentucky’s Congressional leaders’ continued support of the CDBG program ensures the availability of continued funding in Kentucky and nationally.
In Memory of Howard J. Harmon

Howard J. Harmon, LCADD citizen board member (1971-1984) and chair (1981-1982), passed away on Friday, October 17, 2014, after a long illness.

He was a strong supporter and friend, and will be missed. He lived his life in a way that touched and made a difference in many lives and that truly made him unforgettable.

A message from the Harmon family:

To his friends from his early days in Lebanon and Springfield, his friends and business associates from Campbellsville and across the region, his friends from the Lake Cumberland Area Development, his adopted kids and our friends from our childhood and high school years, his golf buddies at Crosswinds and Bowling Green Country Club, his Church family from Campbellsville, Boca Glades and Living Hope Baptist Churches, his friends from North Carolina and his “Brothers from another Mother” from Connecticut...he loved each of you and we thank you for sharing his life. He will be missed, but loved and remembered each and every day!

In Memory of Ruth Groy Smith

Ruth Groy Smith, age 89, was born December 19, 1924, in Palmyra, Penn. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Rebecca Merkey Groy.

She departed this life, Saturday, August 30, 2014, at her home. She was united in marriage with Randolph Smith who passed away May 13, 1992.

To this union one son survives — Jeffrey and his wife, Patty Smith. Other survivors include her grandson, Edgar Cole Smith of Decatur, Ala., and Courtney Turpin of Monticello, and her brother, Stanley Groy, who lives in Pennsylvania.

She is preceded in death by her three sisters. She was a local business woman, a former State Representative and since 1972 a member of the Monticello First Christian Church.

Ruth Groy Smith served the Lake Cumberland Area Development District as a Wayne County Citizen Member from 1993 until 2014.

Judge Melton Receives KEMA Award

During its annual conference held in September in Louisville, the Kentucky Emergency Management Association (KEMA) presented Adair County Judge Ann Melton with the 2014 Judge Executive of the Year Award. KEMA President Doug Tackett presented the award.

Judge Rogers Speaks at Local Issues Conference

Taylor County Judge Executive Eddie Rogers was a featured speaker at the 39th Annual Governor’s Local Issues Conference held in late August at the Galt House in Louisville.

Judge Rogers spoke about LIFT Kentucky—the local option sales tax and its potential impacts on communities across the Commonwealth.

LIFT (Local Investments For Transformation) lets local voters decide whether they want to pay for new projects, by giving them the right to vote for projects in their respective community.

The local option would be a temporary sales tax of up to 1% and this additional tax goes away when the project is paid for. This option currently isn’t available in Kentucky, but is in 37 other states across the nation.

Judge Rogers reiterated that “this isn’t a permanent tax, but an incentive to move our communities forward.”

Hal Goode, President/CEO of the Kentucky Association of Economic Development, added that this local sales tax option would be another tool in the economic development toolbox and would allow voting citizens more control over what projects get funded without relying on state and federal grants.

For more information on LIFT Kentucky, visit the website at www.liftkentucky.com.
Move-It Mondays in Casey County

Casey County senior citizens have been participating in a six-week Move-It Mondays Fitness/Nutrition program presented by Jelaine Harlow of the Lake Cumberland District Health Department. During the program, seniors recorded the number of steps they took each day on their log.

Casey County senior citizens participated in a walking stick contest for Breast Cancer Awareness month. They decorated the sticks in pink and used them during their Move-It Mondays fitness walks.

Casey County seniors walked to WIHE - LP 101.3 radio station during a Move-It Mondays fitness walk. They were interviewed on-air by Rick Wesley.

Jelaine Harlow from the Lake Cumberland District Health Department took blood pressure readings of some of the Casey County seniors who participated in the Move-It Mondays Fitness/Nutrition program.

AGENDA
9:00—11:00 AM
Open Records Act
*Overview of the Law
*Duties of Public Agencies
*Recent Changes & Amendments
*Q & A
Lunch Break
*Feel free to visit one of our local restaurants*
12:30-2:30 PM
Open Meetings Act
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RSVP BY: Nov. 10th
September 14-20, 2014, was set aside as National Child Passenger Safety Week. During this week, child passenger safety professionals across the country were encouraged to host car seat events to remind parents and caregivers to make sure they are properly using and installing their child safety seats.

In Kentucky there is a 95% misuse rate when it comes to proper car seat use and installation. In the Lake Cumberland area, both Adair and Russell counties hosted events during National Child Passenger Safety Week. A third event was held outside of the designated week in Wayne County for a total of 21 seats properly installed and inspected in the Lake Cumberland area.

A special thanks to the following people for sponsoring the events: Judge Ann Melton, Eli Volunteer Fire Department, The Office of the Family Court Judge in Russell/Wayne Counties, Russell Springs Police Department, Department of Highways District 8 in Somerset, and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District.

To schedule an appointment to have your seat inspected, please call Clarissa Hart at 270-866-4200.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and disability for children nationwide. In 2013, 12 children, ages 15 and under, were killed in motor vehicles on Kentucky roadways. Eight (67 percent) of those were unrestrained. Many times, these deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts.

On June 26, 2014, staff from LCADD’s Aging and Independent Living Department participated in a Quality of Life, Quality of Care public forum, which was held at the Lera B. Mitchell Clubhouse in Glasgow. The forum was sponsored by the Barren River AAAIL, Lake Cumberland AAAIL, and the Ombudsman Office.

The purpose of the forum was to obtain ideas for improving the quality of care and life for elderly and disabled individuals within our communities by identifying issues and finding solutions.

Topics discussed were elder abuse, both in the home and in facilities, and how to better protect the vulnerable populations served while providing them with the best continuum of care.

Seventy two participants attended the forum. This group was broken into nine focus groups. The groups answered a series of nine questions (one per focus group) supplied by the state’s Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL).

Quality of Life, Quality of Care forums have been taking place across the state over the past few months. The comments and ideas collected during the forums have been sent to the DAIL where they will be compiled for a statewide report.

Clarissa Hart, LCADD Public Administration Specialist and child safety seat instructor/technician, shows a parent how to best install a child safety seat during a car seat event held in Wayne County. Car seat events were held in Russell and Adair counties during National Child Passenger Safety Week.

During its annual chili luncheon, LCADD staff packed 14 boxes for “Operation Christmas Child.”
On September 30, 2014, the Endow Kentucky Commission approved the Lake Area Foundation as its ninth certified community foundation.

This certification officially qualifies donors to Lake Area Foundation funds for a 20% state income tax credit. The Endow Kentucky Tax Credit was enacted in order to encourage philanthropy throughout the state.

The Lake Area Foundation Regional Board of Directors and local advisory committees have worked along with staff for more than a year and a half to achieve the certification goal.

On September 8, 2014, Mickie Jo Tarter, the Russell County representative on the Lake Area Foundation’s Regional Board, presented a check for $1,900 to God’s Food Pantry on behalf of the Russell County Women’s Circle. Accepting the check is Lewell Wilson, Director of God’s Food Pantry.

During its annual conference held in August in Denver, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) presented a 2014 Innovation Award to the Lake Cumberland Area Development District for its 2012 launch of the Lake Area Foundation’s Lake Cumberland 360.

The Lake Area Foundation is a community foundation that promotes stability and self-sufficiency in local non-profits and public entities stymied by reduced federal and state funding through 24 different funds. Lake Cumberland 360 gives non-profit organizations a fundraising vehicle through an annual event that also promotes local tourism.

Based on the success of the Lake Cumberland 360, the district plans to continue to expand the event. These two projects were accomplished through volunteer efforts, a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, and in partnership with Endow Kentucky.

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During its July board of director’s meeting, the Esther House board entered into a contract with the Lake Area Foundation, thus directing the community foundation to create and administer the Esther House Circle of Hope, a permanent endowment fund.

Long-term earnings from the Circle of Hope fund will be used specifically to meet the future needs of the Esther House, a safe place to deal with life’s hurts, habits and hang ups.

Front row, left to right: Bill Norris and Esther House Founder Kelly Guffey. Back row, left to right: Connie Duvall, Elizabeth Cornwall, Joan Gassaway and Libby Burris.
fond farewell to a number of you at the end of the year, some that have been faithful and contributing board members for as much as sixteen years. Know that your service has been appreciated and valued.

Some serve as citizen volunteers and are appointed for terms of service because you care about your region and want to give back. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for your faithfulness.

To our committee members and volunteers: The success of many of the programs administered by our agency is dependent upon your service on our various boards, councils and committees.

Your input is valuable in defining and meeting the needs of the people of the region, whether for water and sewer service, transportation improvements, workforce and aging issues, economic development, whatever your area of service. You keep us grounded and aware of the needs of the people of our region.

To our staff: Eight dozen strong, you are the “boots on the ground,” making our dozens of programs and projects work. I am very proud of your dedication to the agency, to your programs, and to the people you serve.

Almost daily, I see evidence that you take your responsibilities seriously. I also often hear from someone in our region about your service in the field. Know that your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

To the general public: As staff, board, committees and volunteers charged with the responsibility of administering numerous federal and state programs, our common goal is to work hard in program delivery so that the citizens of our region receive the services they need, work smart in order to stretch limited resources to the extent possible, and work right, assuring that all federal and state regulations are met in our delivery of services.

As representatives of Lake Cumberland Area Development District, we, as a TEAM, are dedicated to meeting the needs of our region in every way possible.

As we face the changes and challenges of the future, we know that some days the learning curve will be steep and we will often have to “forget” what we know about administering today’s programs, in order to re-learn and adapt to the new.

With a smile on my face and a twinkle in my eye, I share the familiar words of UCLA basketball coach John Wooden: “It’s what you learn AFTER you think you know it all that counts.”

Again, thanks to all who support this agency in any way. Together, we are making a difference for our region and her people.

LCADD Calendar

Central Time applies unless otherwise indicated
Meetings held at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District in Russell Springs unless otherwise indicated

November

13 Open Records/Open Meetings Training 9:00 a.m.
19 LCADD Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
27-28 Office Closed Holidays

December

3 Area Aging Council Meeting 12:00 p.m.
8 LCADD Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.
16 Workforce Investment Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
17 LCADD Executive Committee Meeting 12:30 p.m.
25-26 Office Closed Holidays

January

1-2 Office Closed Holidays
21 Area Aging Council Meeting 12:00 p.m.
22 LCADD Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m.
29 Elder Abuse Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Congressman Rogers Announces FAA Grants

♦ U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) recently announced that U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded funds for improvements at the Lake Cumberland Regional Airport in Pulaski County. The $145,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant will remove obstructions in the runway approach.

♦ U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) recently announced that U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded funds for improvements at the Wayne County Airport. The $153,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant will support the rehabilitation of the airport's runway.