

# PADD PRESS

A publication of the Pennyriple Area Development District

## KCADD Legislative Breakfast

PeADD Board Members and Staff met with Legislators at the Capital Annex on Thursday, February 9th. It was a great opportunity to discuss local priorities in the Pennyriple region.



## West Kentucky Workforce



### Employer Day at UK College of Engineering

Multiple companies from Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties traveled to Paducah on January 18th to participate in an Employer Day, an event hosted by the West Kentucky Workforce Board, and designed to connect companies to UK College of Engineering-Paducah campus students. Employers who attended included: Berry Global, Hibbs Electromechanical, GE Aerospace, Ensign-Bickford Aerospace and Defense, and Dyno-Nobel. These companies had an opportunity to present to the students and provided them information on company culture, internship opportunities, and success stories from employees who graduated from the UK

College of Engineering-Paducah program. After the presentations, company representatives and students mingled and discussed internship opportunities in more depth. Companies are currently in the process of interviewing students who have applied, and we anticipate multiple students being selected for these prestigious internship programs.

### Exploration Expo at Hopkins County Career & Tech Center

On January 24th, 21 employers and resources gathered at the Hopkins County Career and Tech Center for the 4th annual Exploration Expo. The reason behind this event stems from the desire to let young adults in the community know what employment options are available to them in the local and regional area beyond graduation. Juniors and seniors from both high schools in Hopkins County come to the CTC to study and many of them are looking to go straight into the workforce. CTC staff prepped the students before the event on how to present themselves and instructed them to visit the booths with resumes in hand. Toyoda Gosei Automotive Sealing of Kentucky (TGASK) in Hopkinsville graciously sponsored this event and it was hosted by the West Kentucky Workforce Board, in partnership with Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation.



# Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living



## The Gift of Time for Valentines Day

### A Few Minutes Could Mean So Much

Valentine's Day rolls around and some of us wonder what we will get from our loved ones. In reality, many will get nothing; especially those in nursing homes. But all is not lost. Rather than thinking about whether I will get something, why not think about what we can give? That's usually reserved for Christmas but why not Valentine's Day also? Valentine's Day is celebrated by many relationships. Most think only of the traditional husband and wife, but there are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, kids, siblings, friends, classmates and on and on; you get the idea.

Residents in Long Term Care facilities and nursing homes, are thrilled to get visits, especially on Valentine's Day. It's not necessary that you know someone in particular at the facility, you could just visit residents in place of your parent or grandparents. Most facilities welcome visitors and you do not have to have a relative residing there in order to visit. With COVID concerns still out there, you may want to call the facility before visiting.

If you are looking for a facility or would like to know more information please contact, Cindy Tabor, Pennyriple District Ombudsman at 270-886-9484 or [cindy.tabor@ky.gov](mailto:cindy.tabor@ky.gov) We also offer volunteer opportunities for those interested in visiting residents regularly.



## New Funding Focuses on Home Delivered Meal Waitlist

In August 2022, the Pennyriple AAAIL received additional funds for the Expanded Senior Meal Program (ESMP) to help address our region wide waiting list for home delivered meals. Since that time, 281 additional clients have been assessed and served with home delivered meals. This has allowed for the waiting list to be reduced from 463 requests to 262 requests. We're continuing to work on adding on more home delivered meal clients from the waiting list.

In December 2022, our senior centers provided 13,005 hot meals (congregate meals, curbside meals & home delivered meals combined) to serve a total of 1,088 clients.

If you know of someone who would benefit from home delivered meals or have any questions about home delivered meals, please contact the Pennyriple Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396 for more information.

## Attention Medicare Beneficiaries: Premium Assistance Available

If you are currently are having \$164.90 taken out of your Social Security check each month for your Part B monthly premium, and you are low income, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost! If your income is under \$1,660/single or \$2,239/married and your resources/assets are under \$9,090/single or \$13,630/married then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state through one of the Medicare Savings Programs. These programs may help pay for your Part B premiums and potentially assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To see if you are eligible and apply for these programs, contact

Ali Jones with the Pennyriple Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

## Stuff the Igloo for Senior Pets

The Pennyriple Area Development District is excited to partner with the Hopkinsville -Christian County Public Library and other community partners on a project to collect pet supplies and donations for homebound seniors who need a little extra assistance with purchasing these items. The goal is to collect 2,500 lbs. of supplies. The collection site is the library and donations can be dropped off through February 28, 2023. We want to make sure our senior adults can continue to keep their furry family members at home!





# Community & Economic Development

## Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Program 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.

**Application deadline:** May 31, 2023

**Match:** 50% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)

Application Minimum: \$25,000  
Maximum: \$250,000

## Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Program provides federal grant funds for assistance in acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both non-motorized and motorized use.

**Application deadline:** May 31, 2023

**Match:** 20% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)

Application Minimum: \$25,000  
Maximum \$250,000

## Crumb Rubber Grant Program

Program allows local communities to apply for projects that utilize recycled waste tires such as benches, picnic tables, landscaping mulch, poured-in-place surfacing (walking trails, playgrounds), and tree wells.

**Application deadline:** April 3, 2023

**Match:** 25% (cash or in-kind)

## Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program

Program allows for the development of integrated recycling infrastructure, manage household hazardous waste and provide recycling and HHW public education.

**Application deadline:** April 3, 2023

**Match:** 25% (cash or in-kind)

## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Program provides federal funding for transportation project such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities (sidewalks and bicycle lanes), turnouts, overlooks, viewing areas, historic preservation, vegetation management, environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, and vulnerable road user safety assessments.

**Application deadline:** March 1, 2023

**Match:** 20% (cash)

## FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Provides funding to local first responder agencies aimed at meeting the firefighting and emergency response needs (equipment and training) of volunteer fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

**Application deadline:** February 10, 2023

**Match:** 25% (cash)

## Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Program

Program provides funding for PSAP E911 equipment supporting Next Generation 911 guidelines, including geospatial and mapping projects, new/improved 911 PSAP support equipment, and host/remote projects. Projects must be consistent with the NG911 Road Map and enhanced NG911 Mapping Guide standards.

**Application deadline:** March 16, 2023 (soft deadline); March 31, 2023 (final deadline)

**Match:** not required, but encouraged

## Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives Local Records Program

Program assists local governments with records management, including digitization, security microfilming, supplies/equipment, salary support, and records conservation.

**Application deadline:** March 10, 2023

**Match:** none

For more information or assistance in applying for any of these programs, please contact the PADD Community & Economic Development staff at 270-886-9484 or via email:

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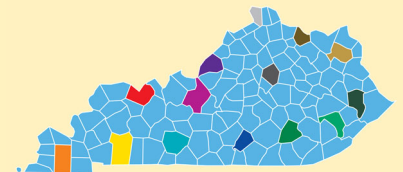
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## Community Conversations Across Kentucky

The Kentucky Office of Broadband Development and the Education and Labor Cabinet are launching a 14-stop listening tour as a part of Kentucky's ongoing Better Internet Initiative. State leaders want to hear directly from Kentuckians about their high-speed internet priorities. This is a critical part of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and the Digital Equity Act (DEA) planning processes, and we need your help.

These conversations will bring together local leaders, community partners and advocates, business and industry, education, healthcare, agriculture, and residents. As a key community partner, your input during these listening tour stops is critical for understanding local high-speed internet challenges and priorities for the state plan.

Please join us on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM in Hopkinsville for the community meeting at the PeADD Office.



# 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Time (CT)	Location
PeADD Board of Directors Monthly Meeting	February 13, 2023	12 noon	PeADD Office
Alzheimer's Support Group	February 14, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	February 15, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting	February 22, 2023	9:30 am	PeADD Office
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	March 9, 2023	10 am	Emerging Technologies Bldg.-Anderson Rm, Hopkinsville Community College Hopkinsville, KY

## JobNet Serving Customers in New Location

JobNet Career Center has moved to a new downtown Madisonville location. Career Center services can now be accessed at:

**JobNet Career Center**  
**75 Railroad Street**  
**Madisonville, KY 42431**  
**(270) 821-9966**



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