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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### It's Official!

We are proud to announce that the purchase of the Singleton Farm, (better known locally as the "Chicken Farm"), was completed on January 31, 2005. The CCEDC is now the owner of a 105 acre property, complete with easy access to Hwy. 60 East, fully infrastructured with a 986 sq. ft. office/house, and previously zoned as an Industrial Park. This property has been designated **Industrial Park North** by the CCEDC Board of Directors. Watch for a new entrance sign to the park coming within the next few months.

The need for the new Industrial Park North resulted from the fact that there are only 14 acres remaining in the present **Industrial Park South**. CCEDC President Stephen Davidson, was quoted in the *Evansville Courier and Press*: "If you are going to be in the economic development business, and you don't have property, you're fighting that game with one hand tied behind your back." In the same article he assured area residents that the CCEDC would be very selective in what type of businesses will eventually occupy the park. The CCEDC has pledged to protect the integrity of the property and the welfare of local residents.

Funds for the purchase of the farm, amounting to \$272,000, were obtained through the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.



### Special Guest

Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson will be the guest speaker at the March 18 Quarterly Board Meeting of the CCEDC.

This noon meeting, held at the EdTech Center, will be a catered luncheon buffet. Watch for further details to come.

Mark your calendar today so that you can join us at this special meeting.

### Crittenden County's Newest Employer

Kenwyn Riddle, owner of Crittenden County Coal, attended the last meeting of the CCEDC Board of Directors to express her gratitude to the CCEDC for their assistance in helping her company receive funding from the City Revolving Loan Fund. She also stated that Crittenden County Coal should go into production very soon with twelve employees. A total of sixty-three jobs are projected to be created within the first year of operation.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ February 8 - Spanish classes begin at EdTech Center
- ◆ February 3 - Free Great Outdoor Series begins at EdTech Center
- ◆ February 21 - President's Day EdTech Center Closed
- ◆ March 7 - Guitar Classes Begin at EdTech Center
- ◆ March 1 - Beginning Cake Decorating at EdTech Center
- ◆ March 7 - DaVinci's Real Code at EdTech Center
- ◆ March 18 - CCEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

### Something New!



CCEDC Administrative Assistant Jeanne Hodge and CCEDC Webmaster Brian Wilkes have been working diligently to completely revamp the CCEDC website. The new version is now online with a new web address:

[www.crittendencountyedc.com](http://www.crittendencountyedc.com)

The site has been designed to show the advanced technology possibilities we have here in Marion and Crittenden County. While local pictures are still being added, the site is basically complete. By checking the site periodically you will be able to keep up with the happenings here at the EdTech Center as well as the entire organization.

#### New E-Mail Addresses:

Stephen Davidson, President/CEO:  
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### Did You Know?

The unemployment rate for Crittenden County in 2001 was 15.9%. The rate for the last two quarters of 2004 remained steady at 4.6%. Congratulations Crittenden County.

### Changes!

You will notice that the President's Report has a new look with new features. If you think of suggestions for things you would like to see included in this Report in the future, please contact Jeanne Hodge, CCEDC Administrative Assistant, at the EdTech Center. Her phone number is 965-9294, ext. 101.

**New Website: [www.crittendencountyedc.com](http://www.crittendencountyedc.com)**

## News From The EdTech Center

The re-organized **EdTech Center Advisory Committee** met on January 18 to set in motion the major technology upgrades to be made at the EdTech Center.

Utilizing the \$497,050 HUD grant, the goal is to make the EdTech Center a model for rural technology centers. The project will be coordinated by Michael Ramage of Connect Kentucky and Kevin Blankenship of Madisonville Community College with oversight by CCEDC President Steve Davidson and the board of directors.

### Advisory Committee members are:

Steve Davidson - CCEDC Pres/CEO

Garry Barber – Marion City Admin.

Dan Bozarth – Director P.A.D.D.

Kevin Blankenship – M.C.C.

Fred Brown – Judge Executive

Teresa Foster – Critt.Co.Schools

W.A. Franklin – M.S.U.

Dulcie Hardin – CCEDC Ed. Dir

George Humphries – M.C.C.

Ryan McDaniel – Par 4 Plastics

Michael Ramage MSU/ConnectKY

Dr. Judy Rhoads – Pres. M.C.C.

Dr. Phil Sparks – M.S.U.

Chris Sutton – P.A.D.D.

Janie Tomek – Critt. Co. Schools

Dwane Tucker – Tech. Consult.

We would like to thank each of the committee members for their willingness to help us make the EdTech Center a shining star in field of education and Internet connectivity.

*Thank You.*

## Mega Park Progress

At a special meeting of the CCEDC Board of Directors on January 21, Chris Sutton, Assistant Director of the Pennyriple Area Development District, reported on the progress being made on the 5 county Mega Park adjacent to the Fredonia Prison Farm. He stated that a firm has been hired to do aerial photography of the site looking toward the purchase of additional acreage for the site. With the acquisition of this land the total area of the Mega Park would be approximately 1,000 acres. He also stressed that this is a "long term project" from which Crittenden County could reap major benefits.



### EdTech Center User Fees

The EdTech Center is for the sole use of businesses, industry, community organizations, government agencies, colleges and community-based classes.

**Rooms must be reserved two weeks in advance. Fees must be paid two days in advance of usage.**

#### Post Secondary Education:

State colleges and community classes  
**Class Registration Fees Only**

#### Businesses:

Industry, community organizations,  
Governmental agencies and private  
colleges

**\$50 Community Room**

**\$65 Video Conference Room**

#### CCEDC Investors:

\$2,500 investors or above - **FREE**

\$2,500 investors or below -

**\$25 Community Room**

**\$40 Video Conference Room**

Key Deposit (when necessary): - **\$25**

#### User Responsibilities:

- **Tobacco products, alcohol, and illegal drugs are prohibited.**
- **Clean up and empty trash into outside receptacle after use.**
- **Return furniture to original position.**
- **Turn off lights before leaving building.**

**Payment for damages or breakage is due within two weeks.**



**We Have What You Need**

The EdTech Center has a community course for almost everyone! Here is what is coming up in the next few weeks.

Introduction to Excel  
Introduction to Word  
Basic Computer Usage  
Buying and Selling on the Internet  
Intermediate Excel  
New Overtime Requirements  
Who Moved My Cheese?  
Whale Done!  
FISH  
Peer Today, Boss Tomorrow  
Basic Spanish  
Spanish II  
Beginning Guitar  
Intermediate Guitar  
Introduction to Painting  
Electronic Scrapbooking  
Beginning Cake Decorating  
Cherokee Language II  
Decorating & Furnishing Your Home  
DaVinci's Real Code  
"Smoke Signals" Contemp. Native American Issues  
How To Groom Your Dog  
Coin Appraisal  
Birds of Kentucky  
Snakes of Kentucky  
Hunting in Kentucky  
Hunting Geese on Hudson Bay, 1  
Hunting Geese on Hudson Bay, 2  
Return of the Wild Turkey  
Wild Turkey Relocation in Kentucky  
White Tail Deer Relocation in Kentucky  
Wild Chorus (Canada Geese)  
Prairie Wings (Waterfowl in MS flyway)

For dates, cost, registration or questions contact the EdTech Center at 965-9294.

If you have an idea for a class which you would like see offered, or if you have a skill or talent you wish to share with others by teaching a community class, contact Dulcie Hardin at 965-9294, ext. 103.

*"You are never too old to learn!"*

