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Crittenden County Fares Well in New Kentucky State Budget

Crittenden County has been allocated a total of \$10.8 million dollars in the newly adopted Kentucky State Budget. Projects funded are as follows:

- \$1.89 million for water and sewer projects
- \$20,000 for Crittenden County Jail
- \$6.88 million for U.S. 641 right-of-way and utility relocation
- \$1.5 million for phase 2 design of U.S. 641
- \$524,000 for Cave in Rock Ferry over the next two years

New CCEDC Website Is A Huge Success!

The usage of the CCEDC's new website, www.crittendencountyedc.com has increased a total of **501%** since its implementation. The site has the ability to be seen nationally and internationally. It ably performs its task of informing prospective employers what Marion and Crittenden County has to offer them. If you haven't visited the site, please do so and learn why we extend our sincere appreciation to our webmaster Brian Wilkes of Wilkesweb.us and to CCEDC's Administrative Assistant Jeanne Hodge who is responsible for its contents.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Connect Kentucky Mtg. – April 7 at 9 AM
- ◆ EdTech Advisory Comm. Mtg. – May 3 at 9 AM
- ◆ CCEDC Quarterly Board Mtg. – June 17 at Noon
- ◆ CCEDC Annual Mtg. – July 12 at Noon



Kentucky Secretary of State at EdTech Center

The Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and approximately 50 invited guests welcomed Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson to their March 18 meeting. Sec. Grayson spoke on the varied responsibilities of his office and his experiences since being elected.

Signs Are On The Way

The CCEDC Board of Directors has agreed to purchase an outdoor digital message center for the EdTech Center and a monument style sign for the Industrial Park North property. The digital sign will allow us to list events at the EdTech Center as well as help people locate the Center.

The monument sign will designate the location of Industrial Park North. Greer Neon of Mayfield and Henry and Henry of Marion were the two successful bidders. Delivery and installation is expected to be completed within the next three months. Both signs will be paid from special grants awarded to the CCEDC.

PROGRESS REPORTS

At the March 18 board meeting Mayor Mick Alexander reported on the progress of the proposed **Hydro Electric Plant**. He stated that there is presently an energy tax credit bill for Hydro Plants in Congress. Meetings with elected officials are being held to encourage the passage of this bill.

At the same meeting Assistant Director of P.A.D.D., Chris Sutton, reported that the Mega Park's official name is the **Pennyrile West Park**. Letters are presently being sent to adjacent land owners in an attempt to acquire a total of 1,000 acres for the Park. Aerial photography of the site should be completed in the next few weeks.

Par 4 Expansion Completed



Joe McDaniel of Par 4 Plastics has announced that the expansion of Par 4 has been completed. According to Mr. McDaniel, "Par 4 Plastics now employs 172 people. That is up a total of 40 employees since this time last year and we expect to continue to increase the number of employees."

"Congratulations Par 4!"



What Is Connect Kentucky?

Connect Kentucky is a governor mandated project to serve as a technology-based economic development alliance. Working with the collective knowledge of representatives from state and local government, universities, and numerous private sector companies plans are developed to insure that every Kentucky citizen has the access to reasonably priced broadband Internet. The mission of Connect Kentucky is to support the growth and economic development of technology in Kentucky. Particular emphasis is placed on growing the Technology and Telecommunications workforce, the foundation for building Kentucky's technology-based businesses, regardless of the industry or the geographic area. Locally Connect Kentucky is a CCEDC project.



Crittenden County Coal

Ms. Kenwyn Riddle spoke at the March 18 CCEDC quarterly meeting. She reported that Crittenden County Coal is now producing coal and things are progressing as expected. They project that they will eventually provide employment for 63 area residents.

She also expressed the company's appreciation to the CCEDC and other groups for helping the company to obtain a startup loan from Marion's Revolving Loan Fund.

Congratulations!



The CCEDC would like to welcome Dr. Johnny Newcom and his wife, Tracye. We wish them much success with their chiropractic practice as well as their new wellness and exercise center. Healthquest Wellness Center is located at 913 South Main Street in Marion. Dr. Newcom may be reached by calling 965-2600.

Coming Soon!

Dulcie Hardin, educational director for the EdTech Center, is diligently working on the Summer schedule for Community Courses here at the Center. The listing of classes should be ready for distribution in mid-May.

We have had a very successful spring semester with more and more people joining in the fun of learning computer skills, learning a different language, learning to paint with acrylics, and even learning how to identify Kentucky Snakes!

If you have a particular hobby or talent and would be willing to share it with others, please contact Dulcie Hardin as soon as possible. You may reach her at 965-9294, ext. 103 or by email at dhardin@crittendencountyedc.com



**Enjoy Today!
Tomorrow is promised to no one.**

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