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Annual Meeting



Featured speaker Jim Martin with CCEDC President/CEO Steve Davidson

Mr. Jim Martin, director of the West Kentucky office of the KY Economic Development Cabinet, spoke at the CCEDC's 2005 Annual Meeting, which was held on July 12, 2005 at the EdTech Center. Mr. Martin informed the group that encouraging hometown growth and expansion is much more effective than waiting for the one big employer to come to town. He congratulated Crittenden County and the CCEDC for "doing economic development the right way"!

Award Winner



Joe McDaniel and his mother, Mona

The 2005 CCEDC Annual Economic Development Award was presented to Joe McDaniel and the Par 4 Plastics Team. This is the second year this honor has been presented by the CCEDC. The 2004 award recipient was Pippi Hardin.

MCC Partnership

Dr. Judith Rhodes, President of Madisonville Community College, attended the Annual Meeting in order to present the CCEDC with a check for \$17,000, representing their partnership with the CCEDC. The EdTech Center serves as a post secondary, off-campus site for MCC. The money is earmarked to go toward the salary of the Educational Director.



Steve Davidson & Momfeather Erickson

Momfeather Erickson of the Mantle Rock Educational & Cultural Center presented Steve Davidson with an American Eagle feather in gratitude of his help in planning and advising the organization. This is the highest award given by Native Americans and is given only to great warriors. According to Momfeather, "Steve Davidson has been a great warrior for us." Mr. Davidson has also been active in the Trail of Tears planning for this region.

Just A Reminder!

Membership dues for FY 2006 are now due. If you have not paid, please consider doing so. Thank you to our 54 investors who have made the CCEDC a strong working tool to improve life in Crittenden County.

Davidson Retiring, Welcome Conrad!

After over seven years of being the "temporary" economic developer for the CCEDC, **Steve Davidson** has announced his retirement, effective August 15, 2005. According to Mr. Davidson, after spending 34 years in education and then working with the CCEDC, "it is now time to retire because there are many more golf courses to play."

The CCEDC has a record to be proud of during the tenure of Mr. Davidson, with many accomplishments and opportunities for the people of Marion and Crittenden County. Our appreciation goes out to Mr. Davidson for his leadership during this time.

Lee Conrad, a Crittenden County native, has been selected to fill the position of President/CEO of the CCEDC. Mr. Conrad has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. He has served as a Planning and Economic Development Assistant for P.A.D.D. He has also served as Legislative Assistant for Kentucky Senator David Williams and held a similar position for Rep. Ed Whitfield. We look forward to the future under the leadership of Mr. Conrad.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ CCEDC Quarterly Board Mtg. – Sept. 16, 2005 at noon
- ◆ CCEDC Quarterly Board Mtg. – Dec. 16, 2005 at noon
- ◆ CCEDC Quarterly Board Mtg. – Mar. 17, 2006 at noon
- ◆ CCEDC Quarterly Board Mtg. – June 16, 2006 at noon

Note: All meetings are held at the EdTech Center.

Real Estate Classes Coming To EdTech Center

As the CCEDC's partner in education, Madisonville Community College will be offering two ITV Real Estate courses at the EdTech Center this fall. Successful completion of these two classes will qualify the student to take the Real Estate Licensing Test.

This is just another shining example of what the EdTech Center can do for our community!



Sign Language Class at EdTech

Community Classes are helpful and FUN! Here a group of students learn the language of the deaf. Check out our Community Course Catalog which will be coming soon. We are sure you can find a class you would enjoy!

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Community Classes

Here are just a few of the classes which will be held during the fall at the EdTech Center. More classes will be announced later.

Computer Classes

Electrical Cont. & Master Electrician Classes

Child Labor Laws

Telephone Receptionist Skills

Give 'Em The Pickle

Cherokee Language Classes

Beginning Drawing Classes

Tole Painting Classes

Acrylic Painting Techniques

Basket Making Classes

Guitar Classes

Stargazing Classes

Extreme Chi Kung Martial Arts Classes –
(must be 18 and in good health)

Get Published, Get Paid Class

State of the CCEDC is Strong

In the President's Annual Report, Steve Davidson stated that the operations and financial status of the CCEDC are very strong. Having completed the eighth year of operation the CCEDC can proudly say that we are on mission, "providing for new job growth and development and for expanding existing employment opportunities".

New CCEDC Brochures Have Arrived!

We are proud to announce that the new brochure for the CCEDC has arrived! This brochure will be a much needed marketing tool by showing prospective employers what we have to offer in Crittenden County. From a ready and willing workforce to a beautiful location this publication showcases our area.

"We are only limited by the bounds of our own imagination."

CCEDC Administrative Assistant

