

First Quarter 2019

Note from the President:

What a start to the new year! The staff at GCED has been busy traveling the country looking to recruit new companies to the area. We were also very excited to send a large contingent to Frankfort to lobby on our community's behalf. As you will see below, new companies continue to select Mayfield and Graves County as their home and our community was recently recognized by Site Selection Magazine as one of the top Micropolitans in the US! This is the second time in the past three years we have been in the Top 20. We will continue the momentum into the second quarter of 2019 as we already have big things planned! Stay tuned...

Ryan

What's New!

GenCanna to Begin Hiring Efforts

GenCanna announced in December 2018 their intent to build a hemp processing facility in Graves County. They have begun their hiring efforts for the farming side of the business with seven positions. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about those job opportunities.

Sullivan University Ribbon Cutting

Sullivan University held a ribbon cutting and open house for its third Kentucky learning center on Friday, February 8th. The Mayfield Learning Center is located in the Mayfield Plaza next to Sapporo on Paris Road. The university has campuses in Louisville, Lexington and an extension in Fort Knox in addition to the learning centers.

Classes at Mayfield's learning center could be offered beginning as soon as the Spring quarter, but are more likely to begin for the summer or the fall quarter. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the opportunities with the learning center.



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Frankfort Trip

Graves County Economic Development along with the Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the City of Mayfield, Graves County Fiscal Court and the MGC Tourism Board joined in Frankfort on February 12th and 13th. While there the group attended the House Agriculture Meeting chaired by Representative Richard Heath. The group presented our legislative priorities with the House and Senate Members throughout the region.

After that part of the group went to the Cabinet for Economic Development to meet with Executive Officer Vivek Saran. The rest of the group went to the Kentucky Chamber Luncheon to hear Secretary Greg Thomas speak about transportation. The group then went to see Lee Lingo with the Kentucky Association of Manufacturing. The last stop of the trip was back at the Capital to hear Richard Drennen with GenCanna speak about their upcoming plans for Mayfield and Paducah.



GenCanna Ground Breaking

GenCanna officials gathered on a 34-acre tract site Thursday, February 21st to officially break ground for construction of the company's 220,000 square foot hemp processing facility. Upon its completion for the 2019 harvest season, the processing plant is expected to be the largest facility of its kind in the state of Kentucky. It will employ more than 80 workers in various capacities and have the capability to process 10,000 acres of harvested hemp into popular CBD oil. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about GenCanna's endeavor.

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Micropolitan Announcement

Each year, [Site Selection Magazine](#), the go to resource for developers across the United States, issues their Top Micropolitan list. A Micropolitan is defined as a city with a population between 10,000 - 50,000. Each city is ranked based upon the number of projects that met one of the following criteria:

- Creation of 20 or more new jobs
- Investment of over \$1,000,000
- Addition of 25,000 new or additional square foot of building space

The Mayfield/Graves County Micropolitan Area has tied for 19th place in 2018. This makes two times in the past three years we have been in the Top 20!



NoCo Hemp Convention

Graves County Economic Development President Ryan Drane and Project Manager Jodie Hansen attended the **2019 NoCo Hemp Convention** March 28th through March 30th in Denver, Colorado. This is the largest hemp convention in the United States and included over 215 vendors from all different hemp industries including flooring, CBD oil, hemp infused food and more. GCED took the time to learn about the industry as a whole, spent time with GenCanna, a main sponsor of the event and took the opportunity to represent our community and recruit potential industry to Mayfield and Graves County. GCED was the only economic development group in attendance and the latest numbers show that over 10,000 people were in attendance.

GravesCountyJobs.com

March 27th marked the third anniversary of the launching of the website for [GravesCountyJobs.com](#). You may now access the jobs website from our

[Graves County Economic Development](#) website. The original goal was to have one spot to look for jobs in Graves County and that has been accomplished.

Employers may now post their available jobs to the website. This is a free service to any company that is located in Mayfield and Graves County. Job seekers please check the website often as job openings are posted as they are received



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