

# MOMENTUM

A NEWSLETTER FROM GRAVES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

June 2018

## Note from the President:

So far, 2018 has been a great year for the future growth of Mayfield and Graves County. Things have been happening on the development and legislative fronts that could impact our community for decades. I-69 construction continues to near completion on our segment of the highway and it will not be long until you will see the official name change.

We are gearing up for a very dynamic second half of the year which should include multiple announcements as well as the launch of a new website! Stay tuned!

Ryan

## What's New!

### Frankfort Trip

Graves County Economic Development along with the Chamber of Commerce in Mayfield and representatives from the Tourism Board joined in Frankfort on February 8th and 9th. They attended the West Kentucky Legislative Luncheon which included representatives from the Paducah, Murray, Mayfield, Hopkinsville, and Owensboro Chambers with special guest speaker Secretary Terry Gill with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development. The group attended West Kentucky Thank You Night and spent some time in the House and the Senate. On Friday, February 9th they had a special meeting with Secretary Terry Gill, John Bevington and other members of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to discuss our community one on one! They also met with the Kentucky Association for Economic Development. West Kentucky had great representation during this visit!

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### **TVA-in-lieu of Tax Bill**

Friday, February 9th Ryan Drane, GCED President testified at the Capitol in Frankfort in regard to Senate Bill 9/House Bill 114 (SB9/HB114). What is Senate Bill 9/House Bill 114? Kentucky Senate Bill 9 and it's companion House Bill 114, would reinvest more money in the 39 counties in the state that are powered by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). As a publicly-owned utility created by the federal government, TVA is exempt from taxation, but makes payments instead. SB9/HB114 would adjust the formula to ensure more dollars from the payments stay in the 39 county region.

House Bill 114 ended up passing both the House and Senate during this session and will be signed into law by the Governor in August! We would like to thank Senator Stan Humphries for being the lead sponsor of the bill in the Senate and Representative Richard Heath for being a co-sponsor in the House.

### **GCED Third Annual Investment Dinner**

Our third annual investment dinner was held March 1, 2018 in the Community Room of the WKRECC at 1218 West Broadway in Mayfield. The purpose of this dinner was to celebrate the accomplishments of 2017 and share the vision for 2018. We thanked our current investors for their contributions and asked for their continued support; as well as provided an opportunity for new investment support from other local companies.

Each year Ryan has issued a challenge to our community. In 2016 it was to have a positive attitude: in 2017 it was to believe and in 2018 What will be your legacy?

## **Silver**

[Fox & Company CPA](#)

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## **Bronze**

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## **Join us!**

Interested in becoming an investor? Give us a call at 270-247-0626 or [email Ryan.](#)

## **GCED Staff**

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Please feel free to forward this newsletter to friends and



## Fundraising Goals

We have had many of our investors to commit to another year at the same level, a couple to increase their contribution. We would like to welcome Dairyman's Supply at the "Silver Level". Please consider joining our fundraising efforts.

**\$500 - \$999 - Friend of Economic Development**  
Name listed on GCED website as an investor,  
2 tickets to annual investor's dinner.

**\$1,000 - \$2,499 - Bronze Level**  
Friend of GCED benefits plus 2 additional  
tickets to the annual investor's dinner (4 total)  
and name listed on GCED website and  
quarterly newsletter as a Bronze Level sponsor  
with a link to the company's website.

**\$2,500 - \$4,999 - Silver Level**  
Bronze benefits plus 2 additional tickets to the  
annual investor's dinner (6 total), with name  
listed on GCED website and quarterly  
newsletter as a Silver Level sponsor with a link  
to the company's website and an invitation to  
join The Synergy Group.

**\$5,000 - \$9,999 - Gold Level**  
Silver benefits plus 2 additional tickets to the  
annual investor's dinner (8 total), listed on  
GCED website and quarterly newsletter as a  
Gold Level Sponsor with a link to the  
company's website, an annual company  
spotlight in the newsletter, President's Insider  
newsletter detailing behind the scenes in  
economic development, an all-expenses paid  
trip for 2 to Frankfort with the GCED President  
to meet with the ED cabinet and political  
officials.

**\$10,000 and up - Platinum Level**  
Gold Level benefits plus an automatic seat  
with a one year term on the Board of  
Directors. (pending board approval)

## Young Professionals

Ryan Drane spoke to the Young Professionals group on March 13th at the Commerce Center. The group was given an insider's view of how are Economic Development office works everyday to bring growth to Graves County.

The Mayfield/Graves Young Professionals (YP) is being developed to establish social and professional opportunities for emerging leaders, age 21-40. The goal of YP is to connect, engage and develop our community's current network of young professionals and entice others to relocate to our community. Through networking, professional development, community service and corporate tours, YP members will be able to meet and connect with established leaders and like-minded professionals. Call 270-247-6101 or email [info@mayfieldgraveschamber.com](mailto:info@mayfieldgraveschamber.com) for more information about the group.



## **Reentry Job Fair**

Graves County Economic Development, along with the Western Kentucky Reentry Council hosted a Reentry Job Fair on March 20, 2018 in the Community Room at WKRECC. The purpose of this job fair was to focus on job seekers who have a non-violent felony on their record. The Western Kentucky Reentry Council is dedicated to helping the justice-involved population. They strive to help those individuals, who are non-violent, to reintegrate into our local communities by successful reentry through advocacy, economic support and local resources.

We had fifteen companies to set up for the job fair with about 100 job seekers that afternoon.



## **GravesCountyJobs.com**

The GravesCountyJobs.com website celebrated its TWO-year anniversary on March 28th! It was started as an easy and efficient way to view the jobs



located in Graves County, KY. Once the new GCED website is launched you will be able to access GravesCountyJobs.com from the "Workforce and Education" tab and on the HOME page. This will be a much easier process with the site prompting you for information to be entered for each job opening.



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"One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly, greater goals." - Michael Korda

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