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Town of West Terre Haute Receives \$500,000 Grant for Storm-water Project

The Town of West Terre Haute received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The grant will be combined with a nearly \$700,000 in USDA Rural Development low-interest loan program and \$100,000 in Vigo County Small Community Fund dollars to make improvements to the Town's Storm-water System.

The construction began in February 2009 with an expected completion date of September 2009.

This project will provide a much needed improvement for the Town of West Terre Haute in their efforts to reduce the flood damaging that often occurs from even minor rain events.

WCIEDD assisted the community in providing grant writing and grant

administration for this project.

Below pictured left to right: State Representative Bruce Borders, Eric Smith– Town Engineer, Scott McClain– Town Council President, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Terry Jones, WCIEDD, Chief Mark Arnold– West Terre Haute Police Dept.





Long Time Board Member Will Be Missed

In January of 2009 our agency received news of the death of Mr. Dale Gerrish, a Board member of the WCIEDD for 32 years. Not only was this length of service a remarkable thing, but so was his dedication to the agency and his support for the programs and staff of the agency.

As a member of the WCIEDD Personnel Committee, Mr. Gerrish

attended numerous committee meetings to interview candidates for positions at the agency, and watched with pride as the new employees grew to become veteran staff members.

Mr. Gerrish always attempted to keep us grounded in local government and how we could best meet their expectations. Having served on the Parke County

Council since 1976, Mr. Gerrish knew local government from the ground up.

His support and input will be greatly missed.



If your community would like to undertake community development projects and need financial solutions to complete them contact our Economic Development Planner-Terry Jones at 812-238-1561 or 1-800-489-1561 or email tjones@westcentralin.com

Visit our website for up-to-date information on all our programs and projects at www.westcentralin.com

Pick-a-Program Donations

The Area 7 Programs on Aging and Disabled rely heavily on private donations and contributions in order to continue to provide the services to the program beneficiaries across our 6-county area.

These donations are critical to ensuring that these programs are available to seniors and disabled individuals in the near and long-term future.

Please review our list of programs that need donations on a regular basis in order to sustain their current levels of service.

Senior Nutrition Program
Senior/Disabled Transportation
McMillan Adult Day Service

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity, your donations can be

tax deductible.

Please contact Patty Cannoy at 1-800-489-1561 or 812-238-1561 for information on how to make your donation today. pcannoy@westcentralin.com

Nutrition Site in Seelyville



Pictured are Mary and Fred Burk of Seelyville having lunch. After the successful move of the Lost Creek Nutrition Site to Schelley Hall from Wabash Family Sports Center, the Burks and other participants enjoy a meal at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about this site or other West Central Nutrition Sites, call Chris or Jennifer in the Nutrition Department at (812) 238-1561 or toll-free at 1-800-489-1561.

Introducing Patty Butterfield New Director, McMillan Adult Day Service

Beginning on November 17th, 2008, Patty Butterfield started the learning phase of being the new Director of McMillan Adult Day Service. Although she has enjoyed her time as the Pre-Admission Screening Coordinator, she is ready to get off from behind the desk and spend time with the clients and get more involved in the community. Patty applied for the position because she wants to get back to direct care of seniors.

Previous to coming to WCIEDD, Patty was the Assistant Director for Lifeline for a year. Before moving back to Terre Haute, she lived in Oaktown and worked for Generations (Area 13 Agency on Aging) as a Case Manager for six years. She enjoyed the one-to-one contact with seniors and their caregivers.

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Patty was born and raised in Terre Haute. She graduated from Terre Haute South High School. She attended Indiana State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work.

Patty and her family moved back to Terre Haute when her husband was transferred to Indianapolis. They chose Terre Haute because both have family and friends who live here, and they like the community.



Flood Recovery Coordinator

Mrs. Kristy Jerrell joins the WCIEDD as the new Flood Recovery Coordinator/Planner. She has over 15 years of experience in working with the public in both profit and non-profit organizations. She enjoys working in the areas of development, planning, and coordination.

Prior to this position, she served as a Membership Coordinator at both the Sullivan YMCA and Gold's Gym in Indianapolis. Mrs. Jerrell recently held a position at Indiana State University as an Account Analyst in the prestigious Office of the Controller.

Mrs. Jerrell graduated from Indiana State University with

her Bachelor of Science in 2000. She is currently pursuing her Masters Degree at Indiana State University. Upon completion, she will receive her Master of Science in Human Resource Development with an emphasis in Public Administration.



Mrs. Jerrell was born and raised in Beckley, West Virginia, but has been a resident of Terre Haute since 1993. She is married to Luke Jerrell and has two children, Collier and Keegan.

Mrs. Jerrell is excited and enthusiastic about this unique opportunity. She states, "I am honored to serve the West Central District as the new Flood Recovery Coordinator. My main goal is to promote economic growth and development to our valuable communities. I am determined to make a significant difference within the six counties and to be a positive, driving force behind change within communities and with the people of those communities."



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Hybrid Buses to Join Terre Haute Transit Fleet

Terre Haute Transit Utility is going to be improving their fleet of buses with four new Hybrid Buses.

Terre Haute Transit Utility received additional funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from Congress. The transit department will also use these funds to do some rehabilitation of the current bus maintenance facility, upgrade the GPS System, and purchase some additional bus shelters. Terre Haute Transit Utility will be receiving over \$1.3 million additional dollars in 2009.



This will be the first time the city has ever had hybrid buses. These buses will cut down on the fuel cost, reduce emissions and reduce maintenance cost. The style and length are the same as the current fleet of buses with the exception of the hybrid system being added to the newer buses.

With these additional new buses the ridership in 2009 should continue to grow. And the cost to maintain these buses should help reduce the Terre Haute Transit Utility operational expenses.