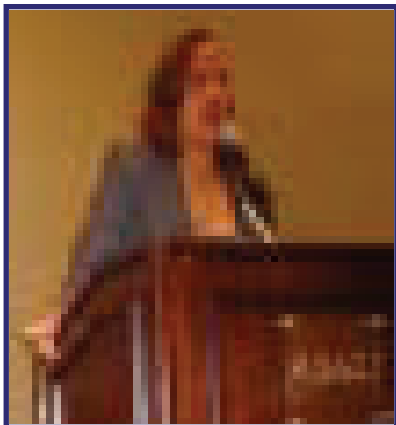


Taylor address 2011 KPTA KYTC Conference

Dr. Yvette Taylor the Regional Administrator in Region 4 for the



Dr. Yvette Taylor, Federal Transit Administration spoke to KYTC/KPTA Conference.

Federal Transit Administration was the guest speakers at the 2011 KPTA/KYTC Conference in Lexington.

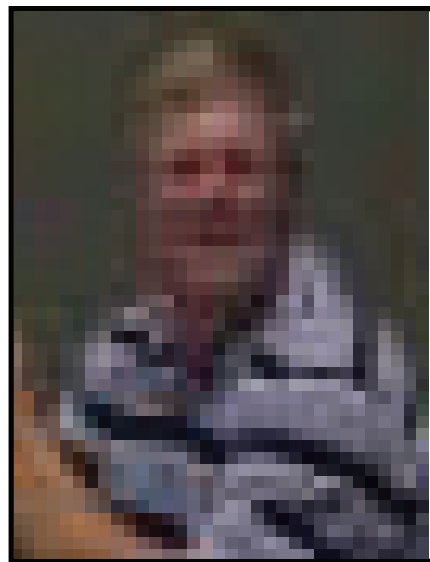
Taylor commended the Office of Transportation of Delivery and Vickie Bourne on their latest federal review. She said the review was completed with no deficiency again. Kentucky was the first state to complete an ARRA project to FTA. Kentucky is a role model for other states. They know what is needed

2011 Kentucky Transit Hall of Fame Inductee Louis Lindsay

The sixth annual Transit Hall of Fame inductee was announced at the 2011 KPTA/KYTC Conference.

The late Louis Lindsay was the newest inductees into the Transit Hall of Fame. Lindsay passed away March 2011. He was 58 years old and was the Transit Manager for Owensboro Transit.

These individuals join previous inductees Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of the Office of Transportation Delivery, Buddy Fugua, retired Transportation Director of GRITS, Sue Jeffers Care, retired Transportation Director of BUS, Shirley Cummins, Executive Director of RTEC, Beecher Hudson, CEO with Louisville Wheels Transportation, Bonnie Rhoades, retired Transportation Director at Owensboro Transit, Gary Kitchin,



In Memory of Louis Lindsay 2011, Transit Hall of Fame Inductee.

former General Manager with Paducah Transit Authority, Gail Mayeux, from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Transportation Delivery, Pam Whitter, Transportation Director with HART, Barry Barker, Executive Director with

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From The Desk of The President

Dear KPTA Members:

It's officially spring and we look forward in anticipation of the future of Public Transportation. With so much stagnation at both the State and Federal level it is very difficult to foresee our future.



At the Federal level President Obama signed a 90-day extension of the SAFETEA-LU surface transportation authorization bill on March 30. Both the House and Senate passed the extension, the ninth since it expired Sept. 30, 2009. While the Senate has passed a two year authorization bill, the house has not passed a long term bill. It is my hope and desire that congress would pass a long term bill because the surface transportation bill is now two and a half years overdue and it is time to come to the table and pass this important legislation.

At the State level I'm sure many of you know by now that the Kentucky General Assembly was called back into a special session by the Governor. The primary reason for the session is to pass the Transportation Cabinet Operating budget and a bill to fight prescription drug abuse. It is my hope that the General Assembly would not touch the revenues that have already been approved out of the General fund to match our federal transportation grant programs. As always we would have liked to seen increased Revenues for the Office of Transportation Delivery especially with fuel cost on the rise. When the special session is over please contact your legislator and thank them for public transportation general fund revenues.

I want to thank Andy Aiello of TANK for taking on the fuel survey for KPTA. You should have gotten an e-mail from Andy asking you some questions about how many gallons of gas/diesel you purchase in a year. Please get this information back to Andy because we want to present this information to the Transportation Cabinet and the General Assembly.

As always, I want to thank the membership for there on going support of KPTA.

Sincerely,

Beecher Hudson

Beecher Hudson
KPTA President

RTEC Building Dedication

RTEC held a building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony following a major renovation of their buildings in Mount Vernon. The project was made possible with ARRA funds received through the Office of Transportation Delivery. The Office of Transportation Delivery Executive Director Ms. Vickie Bourne and Ms. Danielle Smoot, Field Representative of Congressman Hal Rogers' office unveiled the bronze plaque commemorating the event and recognizing those who played an integral part in making the remodel project a success.

In the photo are, from left: Danielle Smoot, Field Representative for Hal Rogers, Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of Office of Transportation Delivery, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Shirley Cummins, RTEC

Executive Director and RTEC Board Members Bonnie Neely, Linda McClure, Rockcastle Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis and Joyce Mink.



Send items for the KPTA Newsletter

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2011 KPTA Rodeo Activities

First Place



Sue Care, BUS, presented a first place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Micheal Graetz, FTSB.

Second Place



Sue Care, BUS, presented a second place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Prentice Shumate, RTEC.

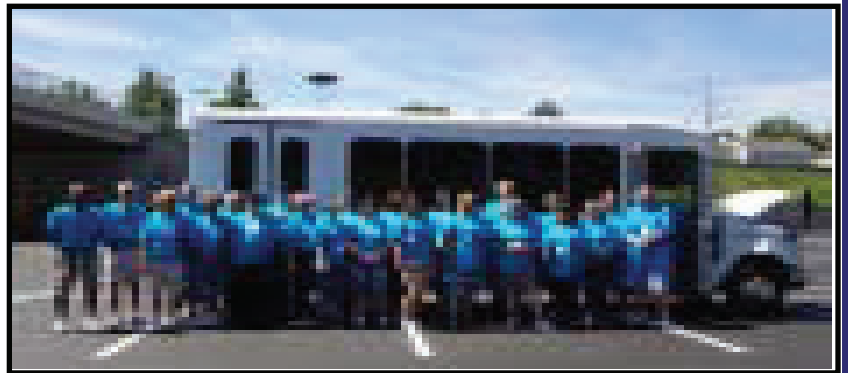
Third Place



Sue Care, BUS, presented a third place KPTA Rodeo trophy to Steve Weakly, Louisville Wheels Transportation.

Rodeo Participants & Judges

Thanks to all who participated.



Lextran Employees Volunteer in the Community

Lextran is comprised of over 200 employees, all of whom play an important part in the community. Coach operators transport passengers across the city, maintenance employees keep the system in tip top shape



and customer service workers provide essential service information to the thousands of bus riders every day. The impact Lextran employees have on the Lexington community, however, stretches beyond the basic

responsibilities of a transit agency. Volunteer opportunities are organized for Lextran employees throughout the year in hopes to offer the city a helping hand beyond the walls of Lextran.

Last fall, Lextran “adopted a highway” and committed to beautify a 2 mile section of the city. Employees spent a sunny Sunday afternoon in November picking up debris and filling up trash bags along Winchester Road. The dedicated group collected 15 large bags of trash over three hours, leaving Winchester Road, from Midland Avenue to Eastland Shopping Center nearly spotless!

After such a successful Adopt-a-Highway event, December rolled around, providing opportunity for employees to give back during the holiday season. On



Saturday, December 17th, a group of Lextran employees spent time at God's Pantry. Volunteers sorted, boxed, and bagged food in preparation for their upcoming evening and holiday dinners.

In 2012, Lextran hopes to continue with similar philanthropic events, impacting more areas of Lexington. Lextran strives

2011 KPTA Golf Tournament 1st Place



2011 KPTA Golf Tournament winning team included from left to right: Dan Lanham (Grits) and Josh Terebinski (Roso Vision). Also on the team was Mike Bismeyer (Seon) and Brent Ritchie (Mentor) not pictured.

2nd Place (tie)



2011 KPTA Golf Tournament second place team included from left to right: John Langendorf (FTSB), Chuck Harvill (Central State), Meredith Johns (FTSB) and Rick Jacobs (Braun) not pictured

2nd Place (tie)



2011 KPTA Golf Tournament second place team included. The second place was from RTEC and included: Randy Lewis, Jackie Hansford, Troy Lovell, and Tommy Schoolcraft.

Sandy Valley presented award from OTD

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. was presented an award from Jeremy Thompson, OTD Branch Manager. The award was a Subcontractor Submission Award FY'12 for an outstanding job in gathering organizing and submitting HSTD



Joyce Hinkle, Transportation Director and Liza Morrow, Office Assistant with Sandy Valley Transportation with their awards.

2011 Kentucky

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TARC, Joe Sheilley, KYTC, Pam Shepherd, Executive Director at FTSB, Mark Davis, Assoc. Dir. of Physical Planning Purchase Area ADD and Joe Duke former Executive Director of LKLP.

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2011 KPTA/KYTC Conference Honors Transportation

Kentucky Outstanding Section 5310



Pam Shepherd, FTSB, is presented the 2011 Outstanding 5310 Transit System Award from Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA.

Kentucky Outstanding Section 5311



Betty Burris, Frankfort Transit, presented the 2011 Outstanding 5311 Transit System Award from Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA.

Outstanding DBE Transit Agency



Lana Hatcher, Glasgow Transit is presented the 2011 Outstanding DBE Transit Award from Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA.

Outstanding Livability Initiative Award



Mike Woods, LKLP is presented the 2011 Outstanding Livability Initiative Award from Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA.

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Transportation Representatives for Exceptional Work

Kentucky Outstanding Section 5307



*Ma Tooley, Community Action of South-
Kentucky, 2011 Outstanding Section
Transit Agency Award from Dr. Yvette
Taylor, FTA.*

Kentucky Outstanding Intercity Transit Agency



*Beecher Hudson, Louisville WHEELS,
is presented the 2011 Intercity Transit
Award from Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA.*

Kentucky Outstanding Transit Manager



*Arthur Bing, Clarksville Transit is
presented the 2011 Outstanding
Manager of the Year from Dr. Yvette
Taylor, FTA.*

Outstanding JARC Section 5316 Award



*Mona Whitaker, Daniel Boone Transit is
presented 2011 Outstanding Section 5316
Transit Agency Award from Dr. Yvette
Taylor, FTA.*

Outstanding New Freedom Section 5317 Award



*Joyce Hinkle, Sandy Valley Transporta-
tion Services, presented the 2011 Kentucky
Outstanding Section 5317 Award from Dr.
Yvette Taylor, FTA.*

Barker receives Humanitarian Leadership Award

TARC Executive Director J. Barry Barker has been selected as the recipient of the Transportation Research Board's 2012 Sharon D. Banks Award for Humanitarian Leadership in Transportation.

Barker is recognized for his career-long commitment and contributions to improving transportation access—and the quality of life—for the poor, elderly, and people with disabilities, the TRB said on the organization's website.

"His people-oriented initiatives at TARC have been widely recognized at the community, state, and national levels," the organization said in making the announcement.

Barker said the award is especially meaningful because it honors the memory of Sharon D. Banks, who was General Manager of AC Transit, Oakland, California, from 1991

to 1999 and who chaired the TRB Executive Committee in 1998. She died in 1999.

"Sharon Banks was a friend and she even mentored my daughter so I'm especially proud to receive this honor," Barker said. "She had a big heart and she was one of the most effective managers I ever met."

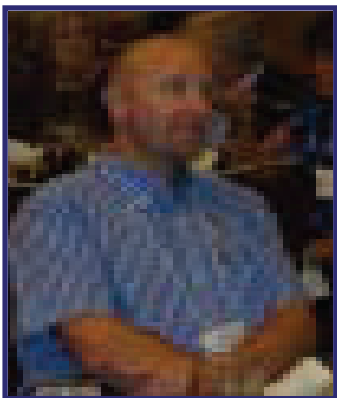
The Banks Award, which will be presented on January 25, 2012, at the TRB 91st Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., recognizes individuals whose accomplishments exemplify her ideals of humanity and service by making a significant difference in the lives of those who use, deliver, or support transportation services.

TRB is one of six major divisions of the National Research Council—a private, nonprofit institution that is the principal operating agency of the National Academies in providing services to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities. The National Research Council

Hughes new Transit Director at OTS

Michael Hughes has become the new Transit Director for Owensboro Transit System. Hughes took over after sudden death of the former Transit Director Louis Lindsay.

Hughes worked as the General Manager for Paducah Area Transit Authority and assistant director of transportation for Audubon Area Community Service, Inc., GRITS in Owensboro.



Michael Hughes

Kentucky Rural Transit Assistance Program Committee Members

MIDWEST DIVISION

Pam Whitter - HART

CENTRAL DIVISION

Pam Shepherd - FTSB

NORTHEAST DIVISION

Cathy Bear - Northeast CAC

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KPTA presents awards during 2011 conference

The Kentucky Public Transit Association awarded three distinguished awards during the 2011 KPTA Conference in Lexington, on August 24, 2011.

The first award presented was to Fred Harris with Louisville WHEELS Transportation, as the 2011 KPTA Dispatcher of the Year.

Harris truly earned his roll as Senior Dispatcher this past fiscal year. His duties are to relieve the other two dispatchers and to prepare all of the manifests for the next day's transportation. Manifests are prepared with a little help from the computer but primarily with his knowledge of

their service area and their drivers. More than the computer, he decides which driver will do which runs on any given day.

This year, one of the dispatchers was off on extended leave. He came in early every day, did his "Optimization", and then pulled her shift. Days of 8:30 am to 7 pm lasted over four months. During this time the other Dispatcher and the emergency backup both became ill. Harris was all that was left. He dispatched daily from 4:30 am until 7:30 pm and continued to set the manifests for each day.

When he finally went back to his 11 hour day from his 15 hour day, Harris took on the responsibility of training. He taught the other remaining dispatcher how to optimize and trained a brand new dispatcher in every aspect of the job. His days consisted of a lot of work and a little sleep with no time for anything else. His dedication kept Wheels running efficiently every day until our manpower problems could be worked out.

He retired from the American Red Cross on June 3, 2008, when the Wheels Program became independent. On the next day, he went to work for Wheels, Inc. as the Senior Dispatcher. His experience and expertise truly helped the new agency to succeed and to grow. He has been in transportation for over 33 years.

The second award was presented to Clara Mae Jones with Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) as the 2011 KPTA Volunteer of the Year.

Clara Mae Jones has served on the RTEC

board of directors since the early development of RTEC as an organization in 1989-

1990. She is one of the original charter board members since RTEC's inception. She serves during the monthly RTEC Board Member meetings, volunteering her time to serve in this capacity.

Jones is a retired secretary from a local attorney's office and local business owner where she and her husband Harold C. Jones operated the local Dry Goods store for many years.

The 2011 Driver of the Year was presented to James Godsey with Louisville WHEELS Transportation.

Godsey is the definition of reliability and dedication. He starts every morning at 4 am and rarely misses a day. He is always ready to stay past his quitting

time if we need the help. Working a 12 or 13 hour day is not unheard of for James Godsey. He will often pickup his early morning riders and then fill in the rest of the day in Bullitt County on the inter-city route.

This dependability is made extraordinary by his personal commitments. He cares for his chronically ill wife, is raising his grandchildren, and is an active volunteer in his church. Yet, with all of this

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KPTA Members Enjoy Activities During Conference



Mike Woods, LKLP, looks on during training classes.



Dale Shelton (RTEC), Petra Espinosa (FTSB) and Jim Sullivan (National Bus) check the securements during the Rodeo.



Pat Puckett and Vickie Bourne (OTD) talk with Valerie Miller (CTAA).



Helen Allen (MKCAP) and Mike Buckles (Daniel Boone) talk during dinner.



John Walsh (National Bus), Jack Richardson (TESCO), Andy Rubin (Mid-State), Chuck Harvill (Central State Bus) and Rick Jacobs (Braun) during the bus vendor session.



Andy Aiello (TANK), John Carr and Amanda Spencer (Wilbur Smith).



Mark Davis (PADD) and David Sowder (Kentucky Foothills) during training sessions.



Pam Whitter (HART), Shirley Cummins (RTEC) and Bjarne Hansen (Murray-Calloway Transit).



Kenny Etherton (Fulton Transit), Lana Hatcher (Glasgow Transit) and Chuck Steinhoffer (Louisville Wheels)



Johnny Young (Trapeze), Mike Bismeyer (Seon) and Brent Ritchie (Mentor)



Chris Campbell (RouteMatch) discuss transit software options.



All enjoy Big Night Out with Casino.

Kirk BUS's new Transportation

Bluegrass Community Action Partnership is pleased to announce that Roger L. Kirk has taken the position of Transportation Director, effective January 9, 2012.



Roger Kirk

He brings an active background in transportation, operations, and facility management to the Agency.

Most recently he was with the Fayette County Public School system as a School Administrative

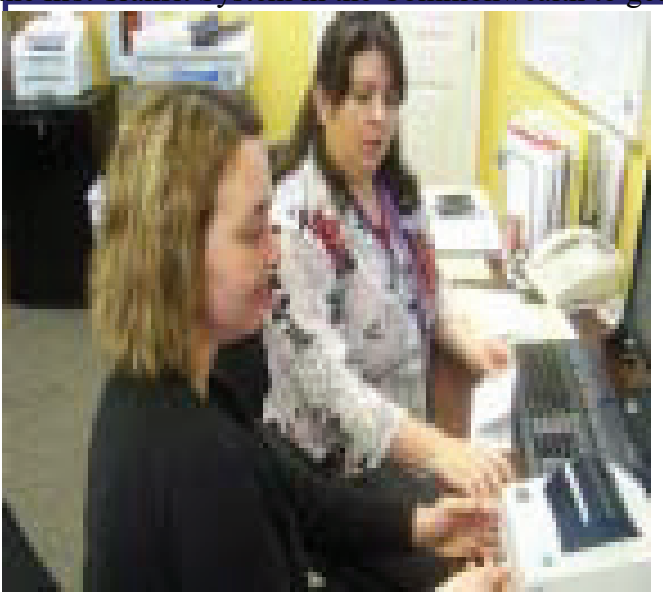
Manager. He also served the Central and Eastern portions of Kentucky before that in his role as Operations Manager with God's Pantry Food Bank.

Prior to that, he served as the General Manager for a Kentucky heating and air conditioning firm and spent many decades with a billion dollar food company widely known by its Doughboy and Green Giant logos.

He is an active participant in many volunteer activities, typically serving as a treasurer or chair. His wife has had a long practice in the dental industry, and both of his children are currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky, one in engineering and one in the Gatton business school.

Fulton County Transit sells bus

Fulton County Transit Authority Operation's Manager Rebecca Waggoner training dispatcher Shannon Deaton on how to sell Miller Trailways/ Greyhound Bus tickets. Fulton County Transit is the first Transit System in the Commonwealth to get



Rebecca Waggoner and Shannon Deaton

interlined with intercity bus companies.

An individual can come to the FCTA office located at 302 Eastwood Drive in Fulton, Kentucky and purchase a bust ticket to go anywhere in the Continental U.S.. You can also call 270-4720-0662 for information on ticket prices.

You can also see our web site www.61south.com/FultonTransit.html for additional services FCTA offers.

If you have any questions please call Kenney Etherton Executive Director at 270-472-0662.

CTAA Conference
May 20-25, 2012
Baltimore, Maryland
Downtown/Convention
Center

WHEELS and RTEC participate in the National CTAA Roadeo

Community and public transportation operators and drivers are the heart of our industry. Each year, the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) celebrate all that these talented individuals do for the passengers, communities and systems that make up our national transit network.

An annual Community Transportation Roadeo provides an outlet for drivers to compete and show off their skills and talent.

This year's Roadeo competition took place on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis, IN. The Roadeo consists of a written test, driving obstacle course and a hands-on safety skills demonstration.

Any community or public transit driver can enter. This year 79 drivers from across the Nation participated. Two drivers from Kentucky participated in the Roadeo competition: Rhonda Heightchew with Louisville Wheels Transportation and Lola Swinney

with Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated (RTEC).

Both represented our transit systems very well in the competition. We're all proud of you both! Thanks for all you and the rest of the talented individuals in transit do for our



Rhonda Heightchew (Louisville Wheels Transportation) and Lola Swinney (RTEC)

KPTA presents

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going on in his life, he is always here and always giving his utmost to Wheels and to our passengers.

Furthermore, he logs all of these many hours and miles in the safest way possible. Godsey has not had a chargeable accident this century. His one and only accident was a minor fender-bender shortly after his hiring in 1999. James Godsey is safe, dependable, dedicated, and hard working at a time that most people are just taking it easy. Godsey is 75 years old.

Godsey began as a volunteer driver in the Red Cross Wheels Program through the Senior Community Employment Service. He did such an outstanding job that we put him on our payroll. It turned out to be a wise move on our part. Godsey proved to be a valuable asset and helped the

Wheels Program grow to its present level. He received many commendations during his career including the Breaking Barriers Award from the Metro Disability Coalition for outstanding service to the Jefferson County disabled community. Godsey is very client oriented.

He regularly advises of any potential problems that might affect the safety of our riders. He recommends solutions to these problems to protect both the passenger and Wheels. As a Road Trainer, he makes other drivers aware of this need to be observant and safety oriented at all times when working with the elderly and disabled.

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Thought for the Day

Beyond highways and roads, we need more money for mass transit, inter-city passenger rail and freight rail. We have a long way to go to bridge the funding gaps.

- Bill Lipinski

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