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April 2019

Green River Area Council on Aging

Senior Falls Prevention

Tuesday, April 2 at 10:00 AM - GRADD Boardroom

Guest Speaker: Alysia Adams, Director of Trauma Services with
Owensboro Health Regional Hospital



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GRADD Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 10
10:30 AM GRADD Boardroom

STAND Against Child Abuse – Free event featuring information on community resources available to families, as well as fun activities.... games, petting zoo, bounce houses & more!

Friday, April 12, beginning at 4:30 PM
on the front lawn of Kentucky
Wesleyan College *rain date is Friday
April 19*



Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network
presents:



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APRIL 23, 2019
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

GRADD
300 GRADD WAY
OWENSBORO, KY 42301

LIGHT BREAKFAST
&
LUNCH PROVIDED

To register for the event, please contact [Kristy Clark](#) at 270-926-4433

Event Details

Calendar of Events

Tuesday	April 2 10:00 AM	Green River Area Council on Aging
Wednesday	April 3 8:30 AM	Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
Thursday	April 4 1:30 PM	Family Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday	April 9 10:00 AM	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Policy Committee
Wednesday	April 10 9:00 AM	Green River Governing Board/ Local Elected Officials
Wednesday	April 10 10:30 AM	GRADD Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday	April 11 10:00 AM	County Coordinators Meeting

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Monday	April 15 3:00 PM	Green River Workforce Development Board Executive Committee
Friday	April 19	GRADD Office Closes at noon
Tuesday	April 23 9:00 AM	Drug Abuse Prevention Summit
Friday	April 26 8:30 AM	Long Term Care Disaster Preparedness Meeting

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KY Governor Matt Bevin and GRADD Chairman of the Board David Johnston at the Interstate 165 "Signs of Progress" ceremony in Bowling Green on March 26th

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A delegation from GRADD attended the ceremony held at Stryker Logistics in Bowling Green.

The Interstate 165 project updated 70-plus miles of the William H. Natcher Parkway to an interstate spur between Bowling Green and Owensboro. The project was announced by Gov. Matt Bevin and U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie in August 2016. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Greg Thomas announced in September 2018 an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration to officially designate the Natcher Parkway as I-165. The upgrading of Natcher Parkway to I-165 represents an investment of more than \$40 million in modernization construction.

Communities along the corridor can now use the economic driving force of being located on an interstate to unlock economic development potential. In addition to the economic development factors, safety upgrades are also a major part of this project. Three “toll booth plaza” interchanges will be reconstructed to diamond shaped interchanges. One of which is located in Hartford.

The signing of the newly designated interstate spur started in March 2019 with a \$1.5 million contract. The project to complete the temporary signing of I-165 is expected to be completed in the next several weeks. The permanent signs are expected to be in place by early June.

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The Green River Mental Health and Aging Coalition offered Mental Health First Aid training to a full house at the GRADD office on Thursday, March 28. Fifty-one people were trained. The training was made possible by a grant from the Kentucky Mental Health and Aging Coalition and in partnership with River Valley Behavioral Health. The training was presented by River Valley Behavior Health staff, Dr. Lionel Phelps, Vice President for Continuous Quality Improvement and Dr. RonSonlyn Clark, Senior Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention.

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives participants the skills needed to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis.

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Ohio County Veterans Fair was held March 12.

Pictured from L-R Kelli King, Donna Behl and Ken Lawson

Congratulations!

City of Sebree

They received \$910,827 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for their Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. The federal funds will allow the city to replace 8,900 linear feet of existing clay pipe, manholes and appurtenances, as well as add new PVC line to serve four new customers.

The pipes currently in place were installed in 1964 and have surpassed their intended

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