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Senior Games will be held **Friday, June 14, 2019**, at Baker Park in Webster County. This offers fun activities for individuals age 50 and over. Activities will include corn hole, bocce ball, washers, football throw, softball toss, and dancing - to name a few. The cost of registration is \$5.00. Lunch is also included with the registration fee. The event will kick off at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude after lunch with presentation of medals. For details please call Wanda Blackwell at Webster County Senior Services at 270-639-5394. [Click here to download Entry Form.](#)



GRADD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 12th, beginning at 10:30 AM

Guest speaker will be Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo, Department for Local Government.



Sandy Dunahoo was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin as the Commissioner of the Department for Local Government under the Office of the Governor.

of the Department for Local Government under the Office of the Governor December 15, 2015. Dunahoo is a government relations veteran with involvement in hundreds of millions of dollars in local projects over the span of her career. She most recently served as project development specialist and funding consultant for Nesbitt Engineering Inc.

Prior to that, Dunahoo served ten years as marketing manager for Kenvirons Inc. in Frankfort, KY and as marketing manager for Elrod Dunson Consulting Engineers in Nashville, TN. From 1986 to 1994, she served as projects manager and local government liaison to Congressman Hal Rogers, where she worked with local governments seeking federal funding. During that time, she worked with local leaders to secure funding to extend water lines to unserved populations, resulting in an increase from 40% served to over 90% in many counties. Dunahoo also led efforts to recognize wastewater and "straight pipes" as a key issue facing the 5th District which resulted in the organization now known as the PRIDE. She also managed the US Army Morale Support Branch Library and taught classes for troops at the Drake/Edwards Kaserne in Frankfurt, Germany.

Dunahoo, a native of Beattyville, is a Leadership Kentucky Graduate, Class of 2008 and served as a Board member for 2 terms. She and her husband Charles live in Lexington and Booneville. They have one son.



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ConnectGRADD continues to expand its high-speed coverage throughout the region. In May, video-speed equipment was added for the first time on the Friendship Road tower near Fordsville, serving northern Ohio County and southern Hancock County in the Reynolds Station area.

Additionally, video-speed capacity has been expanded with newer equipment on the Morganfield tower, providing non-line-of-sight video-speed capabilities both north and south of City of Morganfield.

All upgrades being performed on the network are to provide services capable of streaming video, replacing the legacy equipment installed on the ConnectGRADD network beginning in 2007. Upgrades are continuing throughout 2019 across the network.



The Owensboro Transit System has established a new [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\) Goal for 2020-2022](#). The Goal considers how much federal funding OTS receives, how much OTS anticipates spending, what OTS

anticipates buying and the agency's past spending to calculate how much OTS should reasonably expend to spend annually doing business with minority- or women-owned businesses. For more information, please visit transit.owensboro.org or GRADD.com.



Have you had a chance to view the latest GRADD Dialogue Show on the [GRADD YouTube channel](#)? Each month Executive Director, Jiten Shah, interviews news-makers that have an impact on the GRADD region. This month Jiten sits down with Jay Velotta, Chairman of [Friday After 5](#) , to discuss the summer long event taking place on Owensboro's riverfront.

You can also find out about the [Beaver Dam Amphitheater](#) when Jiten talks to the Tourism Coordinator, JoBeth Embry about concerts and events coming to Beaver Dam KY.



GRADD hosted a Tai Chi for Arthritis Training on April 29 – 30. Ms. Becky Rahe from Toledo, Ohio was our Master Trainer. Tai Chi for Arthritis improves your balance, increases your mobility and reduces your stress. Classes will be offered at your local senior center.



The GRADD family mourns the loss of a former board member:

William David Phillips, 66, of Nebo, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at his home. He was born Oct. 7, 1952, to the late Earl and Juanita (Ferguson) Phillips. He was a very active member of New Salem Baptist Church where he was in the choir, a cook, member of World Changers and Winter Extreme. He was a staff sergeant for the Army National Guard for 14 years and a Kentucky Colonel. He was a retired human resource director for Tyson Foods and a member of several professional human resource committees. David was an avid UK Wildcats fan and a professional hugger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Phillips; a sister, Rebecca Phillips; and a nephew, Wyatt Whitaker.

He is survived by his children, Jeremy Phillips of Clarksville, Tennessee, Stephanie (Greg) Rush of Bowling Green, Zachary (Erin) Phillips, San Antonio, Texas, and Ross Phillips of Madisonville; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Morgyn, Seth, Jackson, Dylan, Colton and Jett; two brothers, John (Kathy) Phillips of Nortonville and Mark (Peggy) Phillips of Henderson; two sisters, Mary Sue (Ricky) Whitaker of White Plains and Debi (Kevin) Stratton of Nortonville; and a host of nieces and nephews.



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