



GRADD Meetings and Events

**Tuesday
May 8
9:00 AM
GRADD Boardroom**

**Community Collaboration for
Children Regional Network
Presents:**

**Summer Dickerson
Human Trafficking Survivor**



After years of pain and suffering as a victim of human trafficking, Summer found hope and strength to live a victorious life; and now, through Women of the Well Ministries, Esther's House, and Esther's Soap Company provides a safe haven and source of hope to other women. You are invited to come and hear her inspiring story.

For more information contact Kristy Clark 270-926-4433

**Thursday
May 24
10:00 AM
GRADD Boardroom**

**Mental Health and
Aging Coalition**



Jodi Holsclaw is the speaker for the May Mental Health and Aging Meeting. Jodi is the Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman for the Kentucky Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. Jodi will provide dementia training. The training provides an explanation of dementia and how to communicate with patients who have dementia. Additionally, she will discuss a new strategy called Validation, a method that helps restore dignity and

well-being to disoriented people by accepting them the way they are.

For more information contact [Jeanette Woodward](#) 270-926-4433

**Monday
May 28**

**GRADD Office Closed
In Observance of
Memorial Day**



**Wednesday
May 30**

9:00 AM

GRADD Boardroom

**Green River Regional
Transportation Committee**

**KYTC Bike/Pedestrian
Program**

**Guest Speaker:
Troy Hearn**



Purpose: Showing and explaining some of the steps for creating a city wide or county wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan, or planning for or creating a stand-alone bicycle and/or pedestrian project. We also explain the process for projects that may be included in the Planning and Design process for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet driven project.

The process for each project is unique to the location and the persons involved. However, every project begins as part of a plan.

For more information contact [Gina Boaz](#) 270-926-4433

**May is
Older Americans Month**

Every May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2018 theme, Engage at Every Age, emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities.



[Click here](#) for Senior Health and Wellness Fairs in the GRADD region.

ConnectGRADD Update:



High-speed services were released in April in areas around the Oak Heights water tank north of Dixon, expanded areas south of Henderson and parts of central Ohio County north of Hartford.

Work is planned in several other areas in May, including southern Daviess County and northern Ohio County, western Webster and Union counties and more. All upgrades are pushing Internet speeds into the 6-12M range for rural customers to allow for streaming high-definition video with no limits.

Feed Seniors Now Food Drive Very Successful:



- We delivered to 504 seniors in Daviess (257), Hancock (85), Henderson (41), McLean (24), Ohio (35), and Webster (62) Counties.
- Delivered by 115 volunteers from Independence Bank, Comfort Keepers, Help At Home, Kentucky Legend, GRADD, Hancock County Road Department, AmeriCorps, Owensboro Christian Church, and other community members.
- Mizkan donated jars of Ragu Spaghetti Sauce.
- Each senior received canned vegetables, fruits, soup, tuna or chicken, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, crackers, a ham, and a package of hot dogs.
- Lots of happy smiles, hugs, and even some tears from our recipients!

Guest Speaker at the April GRADD Board of Directors Meeting

Helda Legg, State Director of Kentucky USDA -- Rural Development, spoke at the April Board of Directors Meeting.

You can watch her presentation by [clicking here](#).



Tonya Barr - GRADD Volunteer of the Year

Tonya has facilitated the Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Group through GRADD's Family Caregiver

Support Program for 16 years. She has been instrumental in assisting grandparents with obtaining necessary resources, ensuring quality childcare, and providing a listening ear to those who were in need.



Jiten Shah, Tonya Barr, Kristy Clark and Kelli King

Tonya has also served as an active member of the Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network for 16 years, as well as chairperson. She has assisted with event planning, implementing new program ideas, as well as, providing leadership.

We are blessed to have Tonya as a community partner and leader at GRADD. We are thankful for her service to our programs, and the positive impact she has had on the citizens in our region.

50th Anniversary Celebration

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday
September 21, 2018
Owensboro Convention Center



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Green River ADD, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY 42301

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