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**Paul Lashbrooke**

**July 19, 1951 - October 27, 2019**

Mr. Lashbrooke served on the GRADD Board of Directors from 2011 to 2018. He served as chairman of the GRADD Water Management Council.

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**Daviess County, Whitesville, Friendly Village, Lewisport, and Livermore get a visit from Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo**

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[Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo](#) from the [Department for Local Government](#)

visited several GRADD communities on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The reason for her visit was to announce several project funding announcements. They are as follows:

- City of Whitesville received \$541,250 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Whitesville Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- City of Whitesville also received \$28,000 in Recreational Trail Grant funding for the repaving of the Whitesville Park Community Trail;
- Daviess County received \$75,000 for inclusive playground equipment;
- City of Lewisport received \$500,000 for the construction of a new 8,450 square foot public library; and
- City of Livermore received \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the renovation of the fire station facility.



### **Over 500 Seniors Benefited from Food Drive**

With a collection period of over a month, the Feed Seniors Now Food Drive delivered groceries to over 500 seniors in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, and Webster Counties on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

During the collection period, GRADD social workers have taken referrals for seniors in the area who struggle with food insecurity. The ability to provide some relief to local seniors is possible through the partnership of Independence Bank, Comfort Keepers, Kentucky Legend® (a division of Specialty Foods Group, LLC), Canteen, and the Green River Area Development District (GRADD). In addition to these partners who organize the food drive, local grocery stores played a vital role by being collection sites.

Amber Phelps, GRADD In-Home Services Manager says, “While the food drive provides temporary relief for the recipients, it is our hope that by continuing the annual food drive, individuals will become more aware of the issue of food insecurity among seniors. With greater awareness, there can be more collaboration for a long-term solution.”

“Providing a week’s worth of groceries to such a large number of seniors, located over a six-county area requires a lot of coordination behind the scenes. All of those efforts are rewarded when the groceries are delivered. The seniors who receive the delivery are very grateful, and everyone involved comes away with a new perspective on what it means to help the vulnerable in our communities,” states Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD.

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## Green River Workforce Development Board

Wednesday, November 6  
12:30 PM GRADD Boardroom



## GRADD Office Closed

Monday, November 11.



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Thursday, November 21  
9:00 AM GRADD Boardroom

### **Mental Health & Aging Coalition**

Thursday, November 21

10:00 AM GRADD Boardroom

Guest Speaker: Dave Farley, Western KY Legal Aid



### **KY American Planning Association (APA) Conference**

Friday, November 22

8:00 AM GRADD Boardroom



### **GRADD Office Closed**

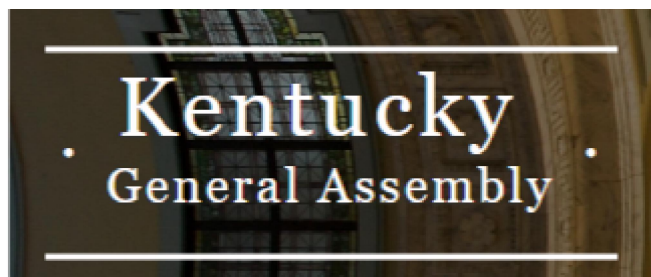
Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29



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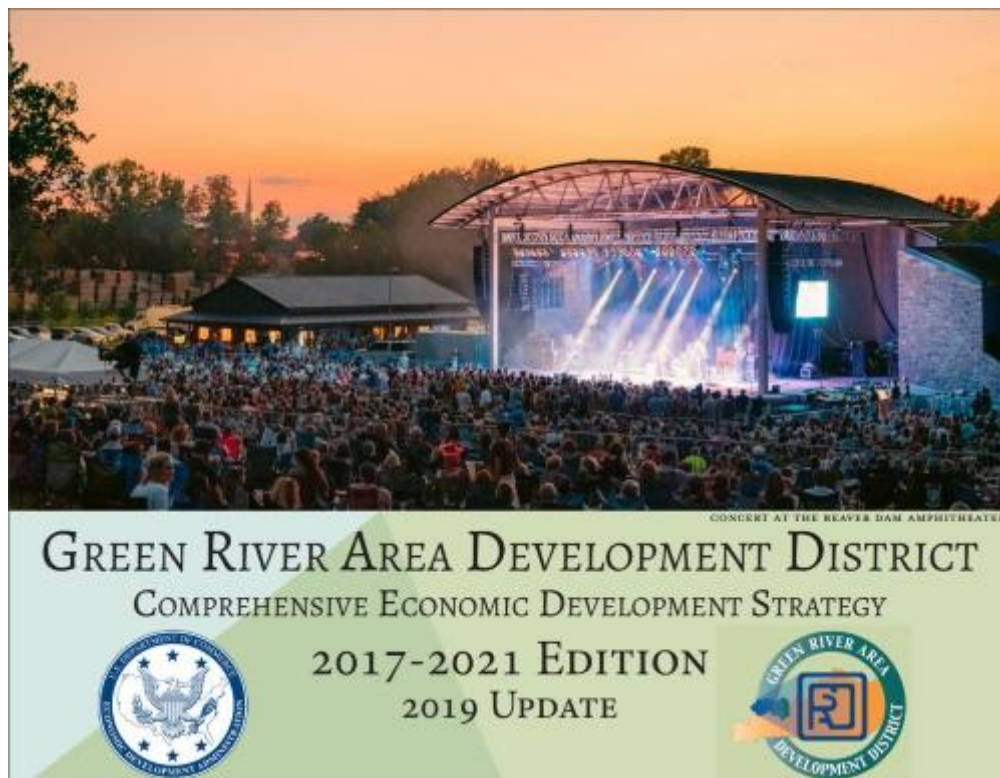
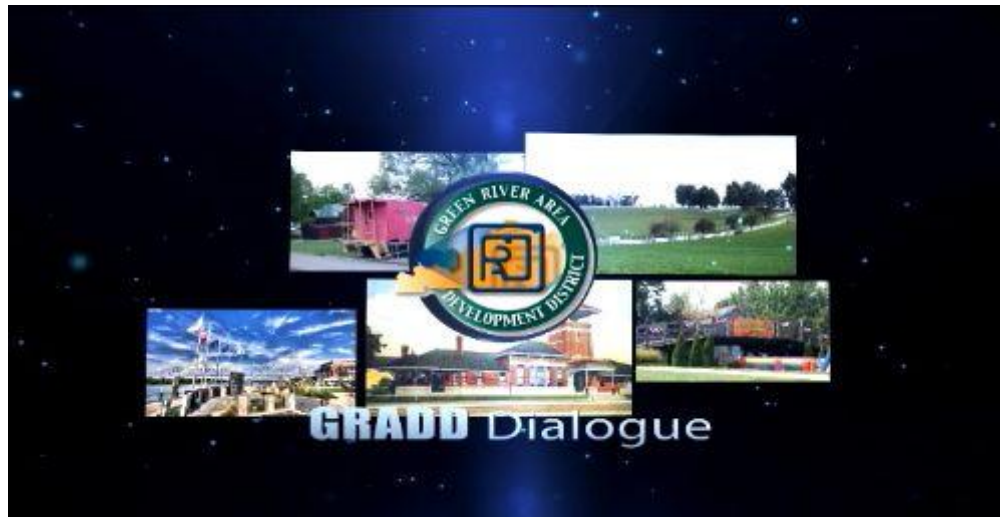


GRADD's Workforce Development department partnered with McLean County Fiscal Court to offer a Job Fair held on October 18 at McLean County Home Place for residents of McLean County and displaced miners from Rhino Energy.

There were 12 employers in attendance looking to fill positions.



Visit the [GRADD YouTube](#) channel for the latest Dialogue Show.  
This month Jiten Shah sits down with Donavon McClure from KYWIRED, John



The 2019 Update to [GRADD's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#) has been completed and published. The CEDS is a regional economic development planning document designed to help a region create a strategy for economic prosperity and resilience. The U.S. Economic Development Administration requires an update annually and a completely new document and planning process every five years. The 2019 Update is part of GRADD's 2017-2021 CEDS. Updates include new data, enhanced readability,





While ConnectGRADD upgrades are continuing, the project has added plans for new areas as the Hopkins County Fiscal Court voted this month to join ConnectGRADD Inc. to expand rural broadband access into underserved parts of Hopkins County. Exact sites and a buildout schedule are currently being finalized, with work to extend the ConnectGRADD network into northern Hopkins County expected to begin before the end of the year.

This Hopkins County expansion will not only add new service areas under the ConnectGRADD umbrella but will also bolster the existing network, as the initial plans include additional backhaul path upgrades to add more bandwidth availability to the southern portions of the current ConnectGRADD network.

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District Long Term Care Ombudsman program and other GRADD employees work to collect items to fill gift bags for delivery to residents living in 1 or 2 personal care homes in the region at Christmas time. We invite individuals and organizations to contribute to the 2019 Silver Bells project and brighten the holiday season for a personal care resident!

Suggested items for the bags include:

\*soft drinks    \*chips    \*lip balm    \*tissues  
\*socks    \*snack crackers    \*gloves  
\*snack cakes    \* raisins    \*drink packets for bottled water

Donations can be brought to the GRADD office during regular business hours, with a collection cutoff of **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase items to complete the bags, as well as to buy fresh fruit for the bags.

For more information contact [Heather Mullican](#) 270-926-4433

## Congratulations!



On receiving the 2019 Clean Water H2O Award given by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

## Congratulations!

To the following cities on receiving discretionary funds for city street repairs:

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Beaver Dam - \$92,605

Centertown - \$60,080

Fordsville - \$60,435



Calhoun - \$126,619

Island - \$90,709

Livermore - \$165,530



Whitesville - \$78,204

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Corydon - \$54,900



Morganfield - \$293,064



Uniontown - \$100,000



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