

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Oldham County, Kentucky TM

Spring/Summer 2011

Summer Fun at the Aquatic Center

The John W. Black Aquatic Center is located in the Wendell Moore Park Complex, 1551 North Highway 393. The Center features swim lessons, water exercise classes, pool rentals and more. For our full pool brochure, visit www.oldhamcounty.net.

Pool Hours

Monday-Saturday: 12-7 pm
Sundays: 1-6 pm

Admission Cost

Ages 2 & under - Free
Ages 3-12 - \$4
Ages 13-59 - \$5.
Ages 60 & up - \$3

Season Pool Passes

Family Pass (4 family members) -
OC residents - \$250
Family Pass (3 family members) -
OC residents - \$200
Family Pass (2 adults) -
OC residents - \$150
Individual Pass (ages 13 & up) -
OC residents - \$100
Senior Pass (ages 60 & up) -
OC Residents - \$90

Out of county pool passes add \$25 fee.

Pool Party Rentals

The Aquatic Center may be rented for parties on Wednesday,



**Pool Opens
Saturday, May 28
at Noon!**
*See additional Parks
and Recreation
programs on
page 19.*

Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. For fees and available dates, call 225-0656.

Group Rates

Civic, youth and non-profit groups of 15 or more receive a discounted rate of \$3.50 per person during regular pool hours. Call ahead to receive group rates and reservations are required.

Water Fitness Classes

A great workout in a relaxing, stress free environment! Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 10:30 to

11:15 am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 6:45 pm. \$36 for 8 classes ("Silver Sneakers" participants, just swipe your card at the Community Center).

Swim Lessons

We offer swim lessons on a variety of days and times for anyone ages 3 and up. Six classes cost \$54. Call us for registration information.

Swim Team

The Oldham County "Piranhas" swim team is a member of the Louisville Swim Association. The season runs from late May through

mid-July. The cost is \$100 per swimmer (ages 5-18). E-mail: ocpswimming@yahoo.com to get involved.

Dog Party: Sunday, September 11, 1-3 pm

Bring your dog to the Oldham County Aquatic Center for a dip in the pool held on the last day of the Aquatic Center season from 1-3 pm. Only \$5 per pup, people are free! Immunization records from your veterinarian must be shown at entrance to enter pool area.

From the Judge/Executive...



David Voegel
Judge/Executive

Our new administration is working on a multiple number of plans to improve county services while either reducing or at least holding the line on expenses. While we do that, we hope to never lose sight of a constant and overriding goal for each of our employees, which is to come through with a "WOW" experience whenever an opportunity arises to have direct

interaction with a constituent in the community.

What is a "WOW" experience? Simply stated, a "WOW" experience is service that you are pleased to receive.

Our intention is for each time you interact with a county employee the result is a "WOW" experience. If it is not, I would like to know about it.

Oldham County Fiscal Court meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We encourage attendance and each meeting includes two periods, one at the beginning of the meeting and another toward the end, where members of the public are able to address issues to the community or speak to the magistrates on any subject they wish.

The magistrates of fiscal court have been organized into

nine separate committees. Each committee meets on a regular basis, usually at least once a month, to examine and discuss related issues. Many of the committee meetings take place on the morning of either the first or third Tuesday of each month and all are open to the public. Anyone wishing to speak to a committee may contact my office to be put on the next agenda.

Across the country, people are hungry for authenticity from their public officials. In Oldham County, we are attempting to deliver meaningful information in an understandable and timely fashion. Our goal is to employ a combination of traditional and new communications tools to open up as many avenues of useful information as possible, while still being able to effectively do our day-to-day jobs.

The *What's Happening!* that you are reading now is one method that we believe has been successful. This little magazine has a long shelf life and is kept as a handy reference tool. Channel 25 will see a gradual evolution. I am anticipating using the channel to give more groups in the community direct access to viewers and we have begun airing the monthly meeting of the LaGrange City Council.

For those who do not subscribe to Insight Cable, fiscal court meetings can be seen on the county website, www.oldhamcounty.net

We welcome suggestions for improving our communications flow. Send ideas to me at dvoegel@oldhamcounty.net

Sincerely,

David Voegel

Oldham County Judge/Executive

Oldham County Magistrates



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* CHAIRMAN

Updated 1/1/11

Faces at the Oldham County Health Department



**Lisa Arvin,
Registered
Dietician**

**Years on the
job:** Three

**What made
you want to**

work in Public Health? I want to help people in the community live healthier lives and to be a resource for them.

What are your major duties?

I conduct diabetes classes, work with WIC, teach nutrition education to school-age students, and offer medical nutrition therapy (commonly known as nutrition counseling) to help manage chronic conditions.

What's your favorite part of your job? My favorite part is the health and nutrition education that I do in the community.

What has been your most rewarding experience? I help with the iFIT program at Oldham County Middle School and was able to help a little girl whose mother sent me the nicest, most sincere email thanking me for helping her daughter through this program. The parental feedback and appreciation was especially rewarding.

How would co-workers describe you? Probably as quiet and reserved at first, but also very friendly.

What's your favorite hobby outside of work? I enjoy

anything active outdoors. Anything from running or biking to in-line skating.



**Martina
Gonzalez,
Qualified
Spanish
Interpreter**

**Years on the
job:** Twelve; I

began as a volunteer for 1½ years, and then gradually became full-time as the community grew.

What made you want to work in Public Health? I enjoy working with and helping people.

What are your major duties? I work mostly with the Hispanic

population. I interpret for patients, work as a clerk checking clients in and out, and answer phone calls that require Spanish interpretation.

What's your favorite part of your job? My favorite part is working closely with patients and feeling like I've really helped them.

What has been your most rewarding experience? The most rewarding is the appreciation expressed by the clients because I interpret for them.

How would co-workers describe you? I'm friendly, caring, and outgoing.

What's your favorite hobby outside of work? I like to cook and crochet.



As You Look for School Supplies, Plan to Immunize!

Immunizations required for school entry have changed. Contact your child's doctor or the Health Department to ensure that your child is ready for the upcoming school year.

Cooper Clayton Stop Smoking Classes

Saturday sessions begin April 30, 9:30 am-10:30 am

Tuesday sessions begin April 26, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Free nicotine replacement products for class participants.

Strategic Planning for OCHD

Leaders from Oldham County Health Department have been participating in the Buckeye Bluegrass Regional Leadership Academy (BBRLA) Strategic Planning Course. During this course, Health Department staff have developed new vision and mission statements:

Vision: Healthy People — Strong Community

Mission: Protect and promote a healthy community through education, enforcement and empowerment.

Oldham County Health Department

1786 Commerce Pkwy., LaGrange, KY 40031
502/222-3516 phone; 502/222-0816 fax

HOURS: Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 am-6 pm
Friday: 7:30 am-4 pm



Don't Forget — We Do All This and More!

HANDS: First-time parents home visitation program

RADON: Free Radon test kits

WIC PROGRAM: Supplemental food program and nutritional education for pregnant women, infants and children ages five and under

STD: Confidential screening and treatment

FAMILY PLANNING: Confidential well-women care and all birth control methods offered

Summer Reading @ the Library!

KIDS
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One World, Many Stories

All Oldham County children from 2 to 12 are invited to participate in the Library's annual Summer Reading Extravaganza! Read for fun and prizes at all of our district Libraries. And everyone is invited to attend astounding FREE programs at the Main Library in LaGrange. For more information visit our website at www.oldhampl.org!



June 6 Kickoff Party @ Main. 4-6 pm. Sign up for Summer Reading, enjoy sno-cones and face-painting. Meet "Clifford the Big Red Dog" and other characters!

June 8 Silly Safaris with Amazon John. Two shows: 11:30 am and 1 pm at Main. Join us for a live animal show with Amazon John!

June 15 A Day in the Life of a Cowboy presented by the Frazier History Museum. Three performances at Main: 10 am, 11:30 am and 2 pm. (Sign-ups are required.)

June 16 Native American Storytelling presented by the ever-popular Thomas Freese. 1 pm.

June 22 Kentucky Down Under featuring live animals from Australia. Three shows: 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm.

June 29 Bright Star Touring Theatre from North Carolina will present African folktales. Two shows: 1:30 pm and 3 pm.

July 15 Madcap Puppets present "Jack and the Gentle Giant." One show at 1 pm.

July 25 Pool Party at the Oldham County Aquatic Center! Main Library patrons, 7:30-9:30 pm

July 27 Pool Party at the Oldham County Aquatic Center! South Oldham and Mahan Libraries, 7:30-9:30 pm

TEENS
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YOU ARE HERE



Teens! Where are you going to be this summer! You'll want to be at the Main Library for some fantastic events! There will be programs that focus on the world's continents as well as where we are in time and place. What exactly will we be doing? Well, to list a few. . .

- Geo-caching
- Henna Tattoos
- Pizza Tasting
- Japanese culture in food, games and crafts
- Eco-crafting from recycled materials

Keep checking in at your local library for more information, or contact Teen Services Librarian Deirdre at deirdrem@oldhampl.org.



NOVEL Destinations



The Main Library will present adult programming every evening, Monday through Thursday (times TBA). Each week will be themed around a “Novel Destination!” Have interesting and informative discussions, play trivia games, watch documentaries and get extra chances to win prizes! Maybe you’ll win your own e-book reader!

Mondays: Globe Trotter Films. You can see far-off lands as depicted in film.

Tuesdays: Novel Destination Book Club. Come explore different countries through their well-loved literature.

Wednesdays: Continental Jeopardy. How much do you know about the world?

Thursdays: Special Programming including concerts, classes, and demonstrations.

Visit your local library for more information.

Oldham County Public Library



Main Branch: 308 Yager Avenue, LaGrange, KY 40031, 502/ 222-9713
Children’s Library: 502/222-9713 ext. 317
Mary Mielczarek, Assistant Library Director; Graham Troop, Circulation Manager
Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:30-8 pm; Fri-Sat: 9:30-5 pm; Closed Sundays



South Oldham Public Library: 6720 W, Hwy 146, Crestwood, KY 40014, 502/241-1108
Vicki Marsh, Librarian
Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10-8 pm; Fri-Sat: 10-5 pm; Closed Sundays



Mahan Public Library: 12505 Harmony Landing Road
Goshen, KY 40026, 502/228-1852
Rhonda Burks, Librarian
Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10-8 pm; Fri-Sat: 10-5 pm;
Closed Sundays



Library Director: Susan Eubank,
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Kentucky’s Only Gold LEED Public Library



Above: Getting ready for finals? The Main Library has private study rooms and free wireless Internet. Left: The Library offers Toddler Time and Story Time weekly at all three branches. See our website for times!



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A Tree Story

For more than 25 years I had watched a large, majestic Cottonwood tree standing alone in the middle of a crop field along the Ohio River. It seemed somewhat odd and out of place; a 60- or 70-foot tall, 40-inch diameter tree surrounded at times by either corn or soybeans. I often wondered why the tall “weed” existed in such an odd area when others of its kind flourished along the riverbanks and sloughs of wetness where water ran off the hillsides and bluffs adjacent to the bottoms. There must have been a reason for this one to be the “last one standing.” I’m sure for years, many other people who frequented the bottoms — farmers, hunters and boaters floating down the Ohio — pondered that same question. A few years back, when I looked at older aerial photographs, there were other trees near it, and now there was just one. Why did that one make a difference?

Like most of Kentucky, these bottoms were originally mostly woods. The bottoms were not always cropped. At one time they were pasture, and I’m sure that tree, as well as others, provided shade for grazing animals. I could imagine a long time ago some kid fishing the Ohio River in the summer found shade under this tree. Those who farmed the land probably found comfort under this out-of-place tree; a place to get out of a rainstorm or maybe a place to pause for a sandwich at lunch. It was probably an old friend to some and a curse to others. I’m sure there were numerous discussions in its 80 or more years about cutting the tree down. It had seen floods, tornados and probably fires. For years, it had been passed by teams of horses



pulling plows, tractors with planters, combines and even bulldozers. It had been struck by lightning more than once, rubbed by deer and cattle and, judging by a couple of old wires and staples, probably supported a fence or two. Its fallen limbs probably tore up some farm equipment, its shade hampered crop growth and its presence just got in the way of a good straight crop row pattern, and yet it stayed in the same place for years.

The years finally began to take their toll on the old tree. Probably the final straw was when it was found by the beaver that gnawed a ring around its trunk about eight years ago. Out of all the trees on the riverbank and in the adjoining slough, some beaver crawled more than 800 feet into the middle of a field just to gnaw on this majestic tree. There was no way the beaver was going to fell that tree and drag it back to its hut. There were too many other more manageable willows and smaller trees, and it certainly was not in the way of dragging other trees to the beaver lodge. I think it was just time and poetic justice. After all this tree had been through and seen, it was probably poetic that its

chosen executioner was eventually a plant-eating rodent that was almost hunted to extinction in the early nineteenth century and is now seemingly left in this area with no sense of purpose.

In accordance with its nature, the tree responded to the injury caused by the beaver’s gnawing by releasing a noxious chemical into its new leaves. This bitter chemical would have thwarted most invaders that would have normally attacked the tree except, it attracted a certain Cottonwood leaf-eating beetle. The new leaves attracted more adult beetles that produced larvae that ants hanging around the cottonwoods loved to eat. These larvae, which would have eaten the new leaves, stored a repugnant, bitter fluid in their glands which they emitted when they were attacked by the ants. The ants, not liking the fluid, scurried away and the beetles

survived and eventually fed on other cottonwoods. If the girdled tree had lived, it probably would have made a great picnic tree — a lot of shade and no ants.

In this case, the ending was not happy, but appropriate. Now, every time I have an occasion to visit this bottomland I think about that once out-of-place Cottonwood tree. Because of larger farm equipment and improved technology, farmers don’t spend as much time in this field anymore. Hunters have found other trees in which to perch their tree stands and for a number of reasons, I doubt whether kids spend much time to fish the Ohio in this location like they used to do years ago. Perhaps that tree is now becoming part of the soil from which it sprang. It would have been sad if eighty years ago someone thought this tree had no purpose; no story to tell. I think every tree we have ever planted or saved will eventually have a story to tell about how it provided shade, cooled a stream, prevented soil erosion, captured flood water, cleaned the air, provided food or simply stood in place over time for someone to tell a story about. Plant a tree with purpose so some day its story can be told. Maybe we can help you start your story. For information on how you can begin planting trees or engage in projects to address your woodland needs, call the Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District at 222-5123.

Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District

700 W. Jefferson Street, Suite A • LaGrange, KY 40031
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www.oldhamccd.org

Seedling Giveaway



Smokey the Bear will be helping hand out trees for the Oldham County Conservation District's annual tree seedling giveaway on Friday, April 22 from 11 am-12:30 pm. Oldham County residents can receive their seedlings by stopping by the OC History Center which is located at 106 N. 2nd Street in LaGrange.

Available species will include Bald Cypress, Pawpaw, Sassafras, Yellow Poplar, Mixed Hickory, Sawtooth Oak, Eastern Redbud, Sycamore, Flowering Dogwood and White Pine. Quantities will be limited so stop by early for the best selection!

Sara Johns from the KY Division of Forestry will be on hand to answer all your tree questions and to advise you on the best location for the species of tree you choose.

For additional information contact Shauna Buchert at 222-5123. If you are looking for a large quantity of trees, contact the KY Division of Forestry at 800-866-0876 or check their website www.forestry.ky.gov/seedling/.



The Oldham County Conservation District is holding a BIG TREE CONTEST for Oldham County residents. Though the species of tree will change each year, this year we are looking for the largest White Oak (*quercus alba*) in Oldham County.

There are five categories with each winner being awarded

\$50. An overall winner will also receive a family membership to the Oldham County History Center.

The contest is being sponsored in conjunction with the OC Farm Bureau, Farmer's Bank of Milton, Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank, The Bank-Oldham County and the OC History Center.

The deadline for entries is Friday, June 17 at 4:30 pm. Entry forms can be picked up at the offices of any of the sponsors listed or can be obtained by contacting Shauna Buchert at 222-5123; occd@insightbb.com or go to www.oldhamccd.org for additional information.

HDB Service Group

Oldham's Public Bus: New Name, Same Great Service

Something new will soon be on the streets of LaGrange, Buckner and maybe, Crestwood. Actually, it's not a new thing, it's Oldham County's five-year-old fixed route bus service with a new name and new look. LOCAL Transit is now Oldham's Public Bus. "OPB" for short! Say "OPB" like the name of Mayberry Sheriff Andy Taylor's young son.

OPB's routes are the same as always. The Red Route has 19 stops throughout LaGrange and the Green Route's 15 stops connect LaGrange and Buckner. Oldham's Public Bus is fixed route passenger bus service. That means anyone can ride OPB. And, each bus is wheelchair accessible. The cost to ride is also the same: \$1 for adults and 50¢ for seniors (age 60 and above).

HDB Service Group, Inc., the Oldham County-based nonprofit that operates Oldham's Public Bus, plans special fun days on board OPB. An example is to celebrate National Pizza Day with bite-sized pizza samples for each passenger using OPB that day. Part of OPB's future is Bus Hosts, volunteers who ride the bus to help passengers and promote public awareness. Other plans include experimental routes like a Saturday route called "Farmer's Market Special."

As gas prices rise, OPB aims to become a viable solution for those who want to limit use of their private vehicles yet still go to work or get around to complete everyday tasks. Watch for Oldham's Public Bus so you don't have to fuss, just take the bus!



HDB Service Group, Inc.

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Visit our new website: www.hdbservicegroup.com

Become an HDB FaceBook fan!

City of LaGrange Is at the Heart of Oldham County

LaGrange — it's not just the seat of Oldham County. From its nationally recognized historic shopping and residential district, to the bustling commerce of its outskirts, LaGrange is the very heart of Oldham County. At its center lies the picturesque historic courthouse square, home to the LaGrange Farmer's Market, Arts on the Green, Oldham County Day and numerous other festival events throughout the year. On a quiet day, it is the perfect place to sit on a bench shaded by oak trees and watch the train lumber through town. Discover Downtown LaGrange is the driving force behind annual ghost tours, the farmer's market and events that capture the essence of small town living and the spirit of our community. For

more information about Discover DowntownLaGrange, visit <http://discoverlagrange.org>.

Parks and Recreation

LaGrange is home to five city parks. You can fish, hike, play sports or just relax and picnic without ever leaving the city limits. For the more adventurous type, you can bring your skateboard, helmet and pads and try out the county's only skate park! Or, if golf is your passion, LaGrange has its own municipal golf course, Eagle Creek.

History Abounds

The Oldham County History Center calls LaGrange home and is the perfect place to learn more about the city's beginnings as well as Oldham County's rural roots.

Exhibits change throughout the year and the opportunities for hands-on learning abound. For more information, visit www.oldhamcountyhistoricalsociety.org/.

Fabulous Library

The Oldham County Public Library's main branch was recently constructed in LaGrange. It is Kentucky's first "green library" and is a wonderful resource for residents and visitors alike. For more information, visit the Library's website: www.youseemore.com/oldham/default.asp

Community Center

The James Beaumont Community Center not only houses City Hall, but it hosts a variety of recreational opportunities, including

an indoor walking track, basketball courts, exercise and yoga classes. The YMCA directs activities for young and old alike.

Commerce is thriving in LaGrange; furniture stores, apparel stores, gift stores, restaurants, hardware stores, and more. Entrepreneurs and small businesses have always called LaGrange home. As LaGrange continues to grow, new national businesses are added while opportunities to shop local emerge.

LaGrange truly hums with families, old and new, and visitors all enjoying the bounty of activity, history and commerce it offers. Please come for a visit or consider making LaGrange your new home. Visit us online at www.lagrangeky.net/

Oldham County Environmental Authority

Merger Forms OC Environmental Authority

The Oldham County Environmental Authority was formed from the merger of the Oldham County Sewer District and the Oldham County Storm Water Management District on November 1, 2010. The Environmental Authority's mission is to be the trusted caretaker of safe wastewater and storm water facilities for the people of the community.

Our goal this year is to strengthen our relationship with the residents of Oldham County. We will be forming a Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) that will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss water quality concerns that arise from storm water issues throughout the County and ways to alleviate those concerns. The importance of the SWAC is to have the residents participate in the

If you would like to participate on the Storm Water Advisory Committee or volunteer in the Drain Marking Program, please feel free to contact us for further information.

management of storm water and to identify storm water projects that are most important to the community.

The first project that the Authority is working on is located in the Briar Hill subdivision on Perrin Drive. The scope of the project is to improve the water quality by replacing the storm water basin inlet and repairing the outlet channel. The amount of water that flows through the storm water drain during a rain event is too much for the current drainage system to handle and

therefore causing erosion along the outlet channel. When construction is completed, the new drainage basin will be able to control the amount of water and eliminate the erosion downstream.

The Authority is also seeking volunteer groups that would like to volunteer in our Drain Marking Program around the County. We have identified subdivisions that have storm water basins that have not been marked with "No Dumping! Drains to Stream." If you would like to participate on the SWAC or volunteer, please feel free to contact us for further information. We have also revamped our website at www.OldhamCountyEnvironmentalAuthority.com

Oldham County Environmental Authority



700 W. Jefferson Street • LaGrange, KY 40031
Telephone: 502/225-9477

From the Board Chairwoman



Joyce Fletcher

On behalf of the Oldham County Board of Education, I am pleased to submit the following Annual Report of Excellence. The school district remains committed to its Vision and Mission, which promote the development of life-long learners able to contribute to a community and compete globally, utilizing 21st century skills. To meet these objectives, Board Goals for our students continue to include improving

student achievement; enhancing communication; incorporating innovative technology; meeting facility needs, especially in our older facilities; and decreasing illegal drug-related incidents. To these five goals, the board will be adding the goal for all Oldham County students to be proficient readers, on grade level, by the end of third grade. By remaining focused on our students, the school district has many successes to celebrate: high school seniors average ACT scores of 22.3, out-scoring the state's average of 19.4; graduates of 2010 ranked fourth in the state on parameters designating college/career readiness; and while the state testing system is in transition, Oldham County elementary schools still averaged KCCT Index scores of 101.9, ranging from 93 to 114, and middle schools averaged Index scores of 102.8, ranging from 96 to 106. This year

we celebrate with seven high school Seniors named as National Merit Finalists, as well as 32 Juniors who have been recommended to attend the Governor Scholars Program this coming summer. In addition to scholastics, our students excel in athletics, art and music competitions, speech and debate, drama and the performing arts; they also contribute many hours of service to local, national, and international projects. It is an honor and a pleasure for board members to serve the students, staff, and families of this outstanding district, and we thank you for entrusting us to make the best decisions possible for the nearly 12,000 students in Oldham County.

Joyce Fletcher

Oldham County Board of Education Chairwoman

From the Superintendent



Paul Upchurch

Congratulations to all Oldham County School employees, parents, board members and community stakeholders for another great year. Once again our school system has earned the number one ranking on the state test in 2010 among all

county school districts in Kentucky. Senior students from our three high schools posted a composite ACT score of 22.3 compared to the state composite score of 19.4. In addition, each of our three high schools was identified as being among the group of America's top performing high schools. In 2010 Oldham County Schools' 774 graduates ranked fourth in the state for college/career readiness following three districts having much smaller numbers of high school graduates (74, 189 and 47) than our district. Furthermore, performance at all 10 of the district's elementary schools is well above national averages on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. All four middle schools

have been recognized as Kentucky Schools to Watch. We are proud to be the only school district to have all its middle schools receive this designation.

The state of Kentucky ranked 19th in 2010 on the NAEP test, which rates all 50 states based on academic performance on a common test covering the basic subject areas. These results provide evidence that our state, led by Oldham County, is continuously improving its rank and status in the national educational community while preparing students for a productive future. Education reform is working and all Kentuckians and Oldham Countians have cause to be very proud.

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Recently, the Center for American Progress released a report that was a culmination of a year-long study of the efficiency of the nation's public education system, which included almost every school system in America. The purpose of the study, entitled "Return on Educational Investment," was to study educational productivity by analyzing each district's student achievement compared to funds expended. The Oldham County School district ranks among the top three districts in Kentucky in terms of "Return on Educational Investment." In 2009 the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center published a report that placed Kentucky fifth among all fifty states with respect to "Return on Educational Investment." This information certainly confirms the fact that, although our school district ranks 173rd out of 174 districts in revenue received from the state, the Oldham County Board of Education leads a highly productive school district and makes excellent decisions concerning instructional initiatives and district finances.

In addition, the quality of work and outstanding student experience provided by Oldham County teachers has been recognized by national education organizations. Over the past few years our school district has been working in concert with the Public Education Business Coalition (PEBC) in Denver, Colorado. The PEBC is an institute that focuses on training teachers to coach their students in critical thinking and problem-solving strategies. The purpose of this training is to equip Oldham County teachers, and ultimately students, with the tools necessary to apply thinking strategies in all subject areas. As this culture of analysis and deeper understanding of curriculum is established in

each classroom, evidence showing individual student application in daily lessons and on school and state tests is gathered on each student. Throughout this training, staff developers from PEBC have had multiple opportunities to observe in Oldham County classrooms. During their visits they have made comments such as, "These are some of the best lessons that we have seen in classrooms as we have worked with districts across the country." These comments affirm the quality of classroom instruction and rigor that we, as principals and district administrators, observe on a weekly basis in classrooms across the district. Also, as a result of Senate Bill 1 and Kentucky's recent reform initiatives, we are working with Authentic Education to align curriculum with the new national educational standards. The curriculum specialists from Authentic Education have also commented that Oldham County teachers, literacy coaches, and administrators are among the most knowledgeable, dedicated, and hardworking educators with whom they have worked.

Whether the standard is state or national testing, educational productivity, excellence in classroom practice, school leadership, community support, or parent involvement, the Oldham County Schools continue to excel. We are very blessed in this community to have the personnel in place to meet the educational needs of our children and young adults as they are preparing for their futures. Thanks to our faculty, staff, parents, and stakeholders for making success a reality.

Paul Upchurch

Superintendent
Oldham County Schools

Working Budget: 2010/2011

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Beginning Balance	\$10,692,574
State SEEK Program-\$3,868 Base (10/11)	\$33,652,376
Local PROPERTY Taxes (R/E)	\$25,343,867
Other Local Taxes (Utility/MVT/Delinquent)	\$6,294,000
Other Fed/State/Local Sources/Interest/Reimb	\$1,802,000
TOTAL Revenues	\$77,784,817

Expenditures

Instruction & Support-Teach/Aide/Library/Guid	\$48,189,828
Plant Operation/Maintenance/Planning	\$7,275,169
Student Transportation-Driving/Maint/Fuel	\$6,060,127
School Admin Support-Principals/Office Staff	\$4,862,163
District & Admin-C/O/Tech/Software/TaxC/Insur	\$3,023,416
<i>Salaries & Benefits \$1,557,289 Non-Salary Items \$1,466,127</i>	
Debt Service/Mortgage-Buses	\$991,232
Other-KETS Computer Match/Community	\$130,000
Debt Service/Mortgage Pymnts-School Facilities	\$0
Construction/Renovation/Land Acquisition	\$119,500
Contingency	\$7,133,382
TOTAL Expenses	\$77,784,817

Summary of District Budget

Fund 1-General Fund- FY 2010/2011	\$77,784,817
Fund 2-Grant Fund FY 2010/2011	\$10,860,925
Fund 310-Capital Outlay-FY 2010/2011	\$1,080,874
Fund 320-Building Fund-FY 2010/2011	\$15,384,018
Fund 51-Food Service FY 2010/2011	\$4,913,728
TOTAL District Budget for FY 2010/2011	\$110,024,362

2007/2008 Operating Revenue per Pupil

Jefferson County	\$10,051
Shelby County	\$8,036
Trimble County	\$7,813
Henry County	\$7,587
Franklin County	\$7,341
Bullitt County	\$6,803
Oldham County	\$6,764
State Average	\$8,298

Data for Oldham County Schools

Overall 2009-10 CATS Transition Index for Oldham County Schools: 98

Elementary Transition Indices Spring 2010		
	District	State
Reading	101	97
Math	109	100
Science	109	99
Social Studies	92	84
Writing	95	88
Total Transition Index	103	95

Middle Transition Indices Spring 2010		
	District	State
Reading	103	94
Math	105	90
Science	104	86
Social Studies	101	86
Writing	91	80
Total Transition Index	102	88

High School Transition Indices Spring 2010		
	District	State
Reading	95	88
Math	86	70
Science	83	71
Social Studies	88	74
Writing	93	79
Total Academic Index	89	76

College and Career Assessments 2009-10						
	EXPLORE*		PLAN**		ACT***	
	8th Graders	State	10th Graders	State	11th Graders	State
English	15.9	14.0	17.5	15.8	20.9	17.8
Math	16.7	14.9	18.7	16.5	20.8	18.3
Reading	15.5	14.2	17.5	16.2	21.8	18.9
Science	17.5	16.1	18.7	17.6	21.3	18.7
Composite	16.5	14.9	18.2	16.7	21.3	18.5

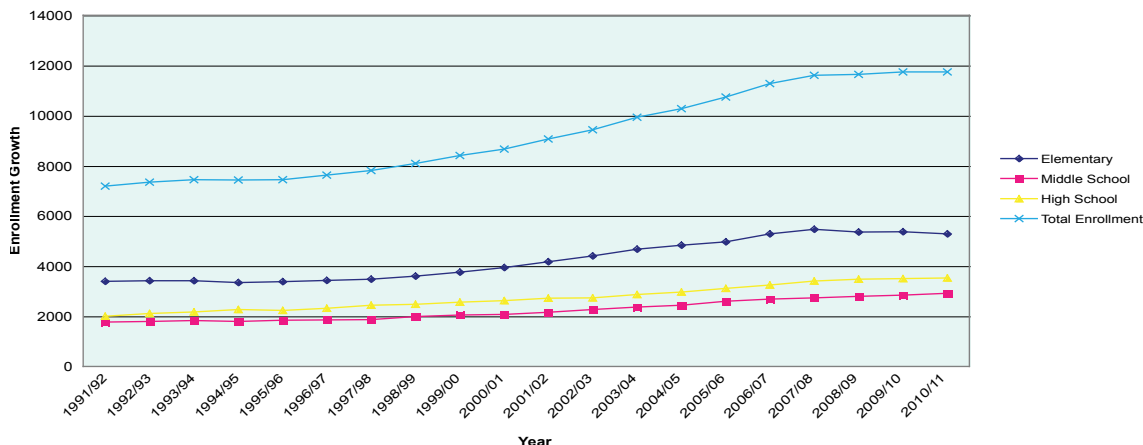
Non Academic Data		
	District	State
Graduation Rate	95	84
Attendance Rate	96	94

*The EXPLORE is a high school readiness examination designed to help 8th graders explore a broad range of options for their future. The exam assesses four subjects (English, mathematics, reading and science) and provides needs assessments and other components to help students plan for high school and beyond.

**The PLAN helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. The exam assesses four subjects (English, mathematics, reading and science) and is a predictor of success on the ACT.

***The ACT is America's most widely accepted college entrance exam. It assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. All Kentucky Juniors are required to take the ACT.

Enrollment Growth at All Levels and Total



Recognizing Excellence in 2010

The following award recipients exemplify the spirit of excellence at Oldham County Schools.

Student/School Awards

- Boys Cross Country State Champions** – North Oldham High School
- Girls Cross Country State Champions** – South Oldham High School
- District and Regional Champions – Governor’s Cup** – Crestwood Elementary
- 2010 Governor’s Scholars – NOHS** – Jon Fraser, Emily Jenkins, Lisa Maney, Samya Monem; **OCHS** – Molly Braden, Chauntel Fox, Graham Hardaway, Austin Kulengowski, Matthew Lawson, Brendan Lovelace, Katheryn Moore, Sanny Omar, Gabrielle Peters, Julia Remaks, Emily Robison, Michael Roup, Chandler Santos, Tyler Scaff, Thomas Schaller, Kyle Stewart; **SOHS** – Hannah Ellis, Adam Farr, Andrew Skidmore, Elise Wilbourn
- 2011 National Merit Finalists – NOHS** – Lisa Maney; **OCHS** – Sanny Omar, Tyler Scaff; **SOHS** – Jean-Louise Noffke, Natasha Sanford, Olivia Sundberg, Elise Wilbourn
- 2011 All-State Band & Orchestra – OCHS** – Rochelle Hansen, Eileen Ramirez, Erica Barfield, Tristen Snow, Emily Robison, Ashley Jacoby, Tim Hoey, Callie Whorf; **SOHS** – Alex Bullard, Elaina Lehto, Katie Vilardell, Anna Townsend, Katie Cobb, Josh Jackson, Emily Allen, Sydney Allen, Louisa Funke
- OCHS FFA – State Nursery/Landscape Team – 1st Place** – Heidi Gorbandt (also State High Individual), Jessica Caswell, Brennan Dale, Daniel Dunaway
- Christa McAuliffe Star Award – Centerfield Elementary** – Austin Vittitow, Courtney Daigneault, Chad Langford
- HOSA/SkillsUSA Competition – Arvin Center** – Maryssa Brewer – 1st Place – Rescue Breathing/First Aid; Andrea Collins – 1st Place – Cake Decorating
- PTA Reflections Contest Winner – Award of Merit** – Nicholas Clevenger – Crestwood Elementary
- PTA Reflections Contest Winner – Award of Excellence** – Morgan Babey
- PTA Reflections Contest Winner – Award of Merit** – Aidan Nash

School Awards

- Energy Star Awards** – Crestwood Elementary; Locust Grove Elementary; East Oldham Middle School

Quality Staff

Certified Staff Members: 802
 Media Specialists/Librarians: 19
 School Based Administrators: 42
 School Based Support Staff: 562
 Central Office Administrators: 8
 Central Office Support Staff: 42
 Other District Maintenance/
 Grounds Staff: 120
 National Board Certified Teachers: 133
 Percent of teachers who are National Board Certified: 15% (highest in state)
 Percent of our classes taught by teachers who participate in content-focused professional development: 100%
 Average Years of Teaching Experience: 11.2
 Percent of teachers with a Master’s Degree or higher: 85%

Staff Awards

- PTA Outstanding Educator Award** – Lisa Cheek, Principal, Buckner Elementary
- Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** – Jennifer Crase, SOMS Math Teacher
- 2011 Ashland Inc. Teacher Achievement Awards** – Jennifer Crase/SOMS; Stephanie Weaver/NOMS

Oldham County Schools

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Board of Education:

- Joyce Fletcher** – Chairman
- Walt Schumm** – Vice Chairman
- Larry Dodson**
- Jennifer Jones**
- Kevin Woosley**

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Personnel/Technology/Transportation Dan Orman
Student Services Will Wells, Ed. D.
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Architect/Director of Facilities Mgmt. Melissa Abernathy
Director of Exceptional Children’s Services Chuck Littrell
Finance Officer/Board Treasurer |
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Oldham County Schools MISSION

Graduates of Oldham County Schools will pursue a life of continuous learning, contribute to their communities, participate thoughtfully in American democracy, and compete successfully in the local, national and international economy.

Oldham County Schools Lead Kentucky in Energy Efficiency

With rising energy costs and dwindling energy resources, there is a huge push these days to become increasingly energy efficient. Fortunately, the Oldham County School District had the foresight to invest in this concept years ago and is reaping the benefits today.

Oldham County now boasts five ENERGY STAR rated schools: Crestwood Elementary, Harmony Elementary, Kenwood Station Elementary, Locust Grove Elementary and East Oldham Middle School. EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. Schools that earn the ENERGY STAR use less energy than most buildings and release fewer greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. The building designs have included geothermal water source heat pumps, heat recovery systems used for outside air ventilation, variable flow water pumping systems and web-based digital temperature controls systems.

Crestwood Elementary School was the first school in Kentucky to receive a perfect 100 Energy Star



Our newest ENERGY STAR schools receiving certificates from the governor's office. Pictured from left to right are Oldham County Schools Director of Facilities Jim Ewalt, First Lady Jane Beshear, Principal of Crestwood Elementary Lori Wright, Jess Farber with CMTA Engineers, Principal of EOMS Lynda Redmon, Barney McCulloch with McCulloch and Associates Architects, Principal of Locust Grove Elementary Marianne Arnold and Francis Scott with Scott-Klausing and Company Architects.

rating. This accomplishment was rewarded this past November when the First Lady of Kentucky, Mrs. Jane Beshear, paid a visit to Crestwood Elementary to congratulate the Oldham County School district for their commitment to building energy-efficient schools.

In addition to building energy-efficient school buildings, "energy management" is being encouraged throughout the district not only

to protect the environment and non-renewable resources, but to promote responsible spending of our community's tax dollars by finding ways to lower energy usage and costs and redirect the savings to school programs and jobs. Other efforts include the strict monitoring of the district's energy bills, which creates awareness of our energy usage habits and helps to catch billing errors. Controlling the thermostats of all

district buildings from a central location saves energy by ensuring rooms are being cooled or heated only when in use. Also, Oldham County has formed school energy teams that are designed to educate students and staff on the subject of energy use and promote energy efficient habits.

Oldham County Adult Education Program

What would be a good name for a new and exciting program that will be starting in April, be open to all adults in our community, be FREE of charge, help adults get a higher education and meet others with the same interests and goals? The Oldham County Adult Education Program will be rolling out a new program in April to assist any adult

who has the desire to finish that college degree started years ago or who wants to start a college program but doesn't know where to begin.

The answer is the PASS Program (Prepare Adults to Succeed in School) which is scheduled to start in April and is designed to help anyone who has completed a high school program (or who is currently working on

their GED) complete financial aid forms; take a career inventory survey to explore job interests; discover learning styles; learn study skill strategies, time management skills, and goal setting; and find that perfect educational institution that will work for you.

If you are interested and want more information, or to sign up,

please call or e-mail us with your name. You can reach us at 241-6018 ext. 352 or e-mail suzette.ertel@oldham.kyschools.us. The classes will be held on Saturday mornings at the Oldham County Schools Arts Center and seating will be limited.



SUMMER CAMPS AT OCSAC

Oldham County Schools Arts Center (OCSAC)

Times and dates are subject to change. Call 502/241-6018 or visit www.ocsartscenter.org for current information.

VISUAL ARTS



- Theatre Scene Design Art Camp (Ages 6-8)**, June 13-17, 10 am-Noon, \$110
- Ceramics Studio Art Camp (Grades 5-8)**, June 13-17, 1-4 pm & July 25-29, 9 am-Noon, \$150
- The Art of Collage Camp (Grades 4-8)**, June 20-24, 9 am-Noon, \$135
- Art Extraordinaire Camp (Grades 1-3 & 4-6)**, June 20-24 & July 18-22, 10 am-Noon, \$115
- Textiles Art Camp (Grades 4-8)**, June 20-24, 1-4 pm, \$135
- Theatre Scene Design Costuming & Makeup (Ages 9 & up)**, June 27-July 1, 9 am-Noon, \$125
- Glitter Girls (Ages 4-10)**, June 27-July 1, 10 am-Noon, \$95
- All About Clay: It's a Tea Party! OR Space Ships, Rockets, & Aliens (Grades 1-3 & 4-6)**, June 27-July 1, 1-4 pm, \$135
- Skateboard Art (Ages 9 & up)**, July 11-15, 10 am-Noon, \$125

- Comic Book Art (Grades 3-5 & 6-8)**, July 11-15, 1-4 pm, \$125
- Visual Art Institute (Grades 9-12)**, July 11-22, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, \$300
- Digital Photography (Grades 4-8)**, July 18-22, 9 am-Noon, \$150
- All About Clay: Under the Sea OR Fiesta Dinner Ware (Grades 1-3 & 4-6)**, July 18-22, 1-4 pm, \$135
- Make a Mark, Paint a Mural (Grades 6-10)**, July 18-22, 9 am-Noon, \$125
- Creature Features (Grades 4-8)**, July 25-29, 1-3 pm, \$125
- Papermaking Magic Art Camp (Grades 4-8)**, July 25-29, 10 am-Noon, \$125
- All About Clay: Summer Time Garden Theme OR Bugs, Dinosaurs & Sharks (Grades 1-3 & 4-6)**, August 1-5, 1-4 pm, \$135
- Little Explorers Art Camp (Ages 4-6)**, August 1-5, 1-2:30 pm, \$75
- Portrait Painting/Drawing Art Camp (Grades 5-8)**, August 1-5, 9 am-Noon, \$135

MUSIC

- Private Music Lessons (All Ages)**, June 13-August 5, by appointment
- Beginning Guitar Camp (Ages 7-12)**, June 13-17, 10 am-Noon, \$125
- Rock'n Roll Explorations (Ages 7-12)**, July 11-15, 9 am - Noon, \$150
- School of Rock (Ages 11-17)**, July 11-15, 1-5 pm, \$195
- String Fling Camp (Grades 2-5 and 6-8)**, July 18-22, 9 am-Noon, \$125
- Chamber Music Camp (Intermediate-Advanced, all ages)**, August 1-5, 9 am-Noon, \$175
- Girls Rock! Camp (Ages 7-17)**, August 1-5, 1-4 pm, \$150



DANCE



- Lavelle Smith Dance Camp - Half Day (Ages 8 and up)**, June 20-24, 9 am-Noon, \$125
- Lavelle Smith Dance Camp - Full Day (Ages 8 and up)**, June 20-24, 9 am-3 pm, \$195
- Princess Dance Camp (Ages 4-10)**, June 27-July 1, 1-3:30 pm, \$95
- Kidz Bop Hip-Hop/Jazz Camp (Ages 7-12)**, July 11-15, 1-3:30 pm, \$115
- Woody's Round-up Dance Camp (Ages 4-10)**, July 25-29, 1-4 pm, \$95

THEATRE

- Mini Musical (Ages 6-8)**, June 13-17, 1-3 pm, \$125
- Summer Musical Theatre (Ages 9 and up)**, June 27-July 1, 1-4:30 pm, \$195



PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS

Oldham County Schools Arts Center (OCSAC) • North Auditorium (NOHS)

Times and dates are subject to change. Call 502/241-6018 or visit www.ocsartscenter.org for current information.

All County Middle School Art Show, Month of April (OCSAC)

All County High School Art Show, Month of May (OCSAC)

NOMS “Emperor’s New Clothes” Production, Friday, April 29, 6:30 pm (NOHS)

CEC “Beauty & The Beast” Production, Thursday, May 5, 7 pm (NOHS) and Friday, May 6, 7 pm (NOHS)

NOHS Prism Concert, Friday, May 13, 7 pm (NOHS)

Disney’s “Aladdin, Jr.” Production, Friday, May 13, 7 pm (OCSAC) and Saturday, May 14, 11 am & 7 pm (OCSAC)

EOMS Water Project Art Show and Reception, Monday, May 16, 6 pm (OCSAC)

Oldham County Strings Concert, Tuesday, May 17, 6 pm (OCSAC)

NOHS “Our Town” Musical, Friday, May 20, 7pm (NOHS); Saturday, May 21, 1 pm & 7 pm (NOHS); and Sunday, May 22, 1 pm (NOHS)

Dollars for Scholars, Monday May 23, 7 pm (OCSAC)

NOHS Choir Concert, Wednesday, May 25, 7 pm (NOHS)

SOMS “The Dastardly Dr. Devereaux” Production, Thursday & Friday, May 26 & 27, 7 pm

NOMS Bands Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 31, 6 pm (NOHS)

BAHS Graduation, Friday, June 3, 7 pm (OCSAC)

Artist in Residence’s Experience Is “Priceless”

The Arts Center’s Artist in Residence program, now in its third year is leaving a visual footprint on our schools and community with beautiful student-crafted tile murals, totem poles, and ceramic bowls. Marie-Elena Ottman’s residency has thus far included visits to nearly every elementary school in the district where she teamed with teaching staff and students to create murals for hanging. Soon parents and students will be able to view these wonderful creations which their children physically designed, cut, patterned and glazed while collaborating as a school to create an individual piece of artwork. The middle school students are crafting totem poles representing their school community while learning the techniques of coiling and hand building. The totem poles will be a permanent installation outside of the schools. Ms. Ottman says of her experience, “Working alongside the children in Oldham County, I’m impressed by their creativity in producing large scale works of art.

They took ownership of their project and eagerly worked in teams. As Artist in Residence, I’m fortunate to be able to experience the joy in the children’s faces upon completion of their projects. This experience is what makes my residency priceless.”

Still to come in the fall is the “Empty Bowls” fund-raising event to help stock our community food pantry. This spring Ms. Ottman and the high school students will begin to craft bowls for this benefit. “Empty Bowls” is an international project to fight hunger. Communities create and donate “bowls” which are then used to serve a simple meal. The bowls and meals are sold with proceeds going to the community food bank. Ms. Ottman is opening the opportunity to other potters in the community, beginners or advanced, to also donate bowls for the event. Community businesses and restaurants are invited to participate through donations. For additional information, contact the Arts Center.



Centerfield Elementary School



Crestwood Elementary School



Harmony Elementary School

“Working alongside the children in Oldham County, I’m impressed by their creativity in producing large scale works of art... As Artist in Residence, I’m fortunate to be able to experience the joy in the children’s faces upon completion of their projects.”

- Marie-Elena Ottman

Chris Roty Takes Helm at Baptist Hospital Northeast



Chris Roty

Chris Roty became president of Baptist Hospital Northeast on Feb. 1, taking the reins from Dennis Johnson, who had been administrator for 13 years. Johnson

was named president of Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown, which is managed by Baptist Healthcare System. Roty has been a vice president at Baptist Hospital East for 17 years and continues to work with service lines that have ties to both hospitals – cardiovascular services, home health and radiology.

“Chris Roty brings extensive hospital management experience to his new position at Baptist Northeast and has led a number of major projects during his 17-year tenure at Baptist East,” explained Baptist Healthcare System CEO Tommy Smith. “His experience will serve Baptist Northeast well as it continues

to grow and flourish.” Under his leadership of cardiovascular services, Baptist East recently was named one of the nation’s 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals, and Roty has overseen implementation of numerous information technology improvements including bar-coded medication administration to improve patient safety, and implementation of computerized medical records.

Roty lives in Prospect with his wife, Lynn, an executive sales representative for Elanco Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, and their children – Olivia, 12, and Jack, 9.

Additional changes announced within the Baptist Healthcare System include the naming of David Gray, current president of Hardin Memorial Hospital and former Baptist Northeast administrator, as president of Baptist Hospital East. He succeeds Baptist East President Susan Stout Tamme, who is assuming a new role with Baptist Healthcare System as president of the Louisville Market. She is charged with implementing and overseeing crucial community alignments to better position Baptist in the Louisville market in preparation for healthcare reform.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prenatal Classes: Healthy Journey for Two, 6-8 pm, Tuesday, May 3; **All About Labor**, 7-9 pm, Thursday, May 5; **Anesthesia**, 7-8 pm, Monday, May 9; **Breastfeeding Your Newborn**, 6:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10; **Postpartum and Newborn Care**, 7-9 pm, Tuesday, May 17. Classes are free. To register, or to find out about other upcoming prenatal classes, call the Baptist Northeast Information Center at 502/222-3627 or toll-free 1-888-222-8071. Or, register online at baptistnortheast.com.

Living Well with Diabetes Support Group

7 pm, Tuesday, April 19 and Tuesday, May 17. The meetings will feature an educational speaker and an open forum. For more information, call 502/222-3344.

Safe Sitter course. 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, June 11. Deadline for paid registration is Friday, April 29 (for May 14 class) and Friday, May 27 (for June 11 class). A medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The fee for the class is \$45, which includes a messenger bag, manual and other useful items, as well as breakfast, lunch, snack and refreshments for the graduation ceremony. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Class size is limited, so early registration is recommended. Call Baptist Northeast at 502/222-3877 for more information, or for a registration form.

Digital Mammography, DEXA Bone Density Testing Coming to Baptist Crestwood

Digital mammography equipment will be installed at Baptist Crestwood April, meaning patients can receive their mammograms there beginning Wednesday, April 27. DEXA scanning equipment has also been ordered, but an installation date was not available at press time, but should be available by late

spring. DEXA scanning is considered the gold standard in bone mineral density testing. DEXA scanning is currently available at Baptist Hospital Northeast.

To schedule a mammogram or DEXA bone density scan at Baptist Northeast or Baptist Crestwood, call One Call at 222-3939.

Baptist Hospital Northeast

1025 New Moody Lane, LaGrange, KY 40031

Patient Information: 502/222-5388

Physician Referral: 502/222-3627

BAPTIST HOSPITAL NORTHEAST
Close to you.

Baptist Northeast Is a Gold Start! Fit-Friendly Company

The American Heart Association and Start! have named Baptist Hospital Northeast a Gold Start! Fit-Friendly Company for its efforts in promoting employee fitness.

Nancy Brown, chief executive officer of the American Heart Association, said, "As a Gold Level Award recipient, Baptist Hospital Northeast has not only recognized the importance of a healthy workplace for its employees, but has taken important steps to create a culture of physical activity in the workplace."

Baptist Northeast was recognized for several initiatives, including: creating indoor and outdoor walking paths with color-coded maps for various distances; winning the



Devin Higgins of the American Heart Association, second from left, presented Baptist Hospital Northeast with the Gold Start! Fit-Friendly Company award for its efforts in promoting employee fitness during the hospital's Feb. 11 Community Health Fair. Accepting the award are, from left, Susan Arnold, Pastoral Care; Cindy Moore, Employee Health; Lisa Houle, Cardiopulmonary Services; and President Chris Roty.

award for most participants in the Oldham County Grand Slam in 2009 and 2010, beginning the "Start" walking program in April 2010 with

six walking teams, observing "Wear Your Tennis Shoes to Work Day," partnering with the Oldham County Family YMCA to promote fitness

in the community, and offering a selection of healthy foods and beverages in the cafeteria .

Oldham County Tourism

Have you heard ... Oldham County Has an iPhone App and Facebook Page!

Visitors and residents of the rolling hills of Oldham County now have a valuable resource at their fingertips. Oldham County Tourism announced in December that the Oldham County App is now available for FREE at the App Store for use with the Apple iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch.

"Oldham County Tourism developed the County App so that residents and visitors alike can get information about what's available and what's happening in our own backyards with just a few flicks of their finger," said Kim Buckler, OC Tourism Executive Director.

Stay current with the help of the built-in calendar of events that utilizes push notifications to count down the days to an event! Also, "like" us on Facebook at "Tour Oldham County KY."

Stay up-to-date with the built-in calendar of events on the new Oldham County iPhone app!



Poetry, Hot Rods and Ghosts in LaGrange!

Building community is not easy, especially in a town that is so close to larger cities that offer more opportunities for work. But, living in LaGrange can be enjoyable, and Discover Downtown LaGrange (DDL) is offering more opportunities for families to get out, have fun and learn more about this area called “home.”

Writing and Poetry

For instance, April is National Poetry Month, and DDL has partnered with Kentucky Young Writers Connection (KYWC) to bring writing and poetry events to LaGrange. KYWC fills the void in schools where English is taught, but where literature might fall through the cracks. A state-wide non-profit organization, KYWC has brought annual Arts in the Parks programs to parks throughout the state, where participants grades three through adult are able to learn the writing process under the guidance of a Kentucky author.

In LaGrange, KYWC plans to bring events that range from poetry workshops (a family affair with picnics) to “Rappin’ With the Shakespeare Man,” a way to learn the bard’s poetry and transform that “olde English” to new formats. Kids, teens and adults who attend more than one KYWC event will accrue points that will bring rewards for attendance. This partnership between DDL and KYWC will extend throughout the year, providing ways to learn different forms of writing, editing and – yes – even publishing.

LaGrange History

If you want to know more about the town where you live, you might



Come to LaGrange in April (National Poetry Month) for writing and poetry events such as “Rappin’ with the Shakespeare Man.”

try a Spirits of LaGrange Ghost Tour. Although this tour focuses on LaGrange ghosts, the Spirits of LaGrange tours also introduce visitors and tourists to LaGrange history and architecture. If you haven’t taken this two-hour walking tour, you’re missing out on learning about home-grown celebrities such as Buddy Pepper and D. W. Griffith. One teen reported after a tour that he learned more about LaGrange within two hours than he did during his entire life in this town.

The ghost tours this year begin on April 23 and will continue on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Enjoy classic hot rods at “Cruisin’ with the Quads” events on the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning April 23.



Try the Spirits of LaGrange Ghost Tour and learn interesting facts about the history of LaGrange, including such notables as actor and composer Buddy Pepper (above right).



Hot Rods Galore!

The Ghost tours coincide with the “Cruisin’ with the Quads” event, where you can enjoy this historic hot rod club’s activities. Both events are on the fourth Saturday of each month from April 23 through October. And, remember – shops on Main Street are open every Friday

night until 8 pm, and will also be open on the fourth Saturday evening until 9 pm.

For more information about DDL events and other happenings around LaGrange, visit DiscoverLagrange.org or their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/DiscoverLagrange](https://www.facebook.com/DiscoverLagrange)

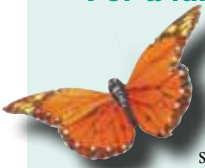
Oldham County Tourism

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www.TourOldhamCounty.com

Oldham County Parks and Recreation Programs

For a full schedule of activities and to print out registration forms, visit www.oldhamcounty.net.



Wild Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesdays this summer to experience the wild world around us!

Each week we will focus on a different aspect of nature and will feature guest speakers and exhibits. This free program will be held starting at 1 pm at Wendell Moore Park Picnic Shelter "A" on the following Wednesdays:

June 22 – Animals of Kentucky (sponsored by Second Chance Wildlife Center)

July 13 – Birds of Prey (sponsored by Wingspan of KY)

July 27 – Insects (sponsored by UK Cooperative Extension)

Wild Wednesdays will be held rain or shine!

Fun-tastic Day Camp Hey, parents... are you looking for something for your kids to do over the summer? Try our Fun-tastic Day Camp! Camps run **Monday through Friday from 9:30 am-2:30 pm**. The cost is \$65 per session. Each day we will have fun activities, a craft and a

dip in the pool. Your child needs to bring a sack lunch, bathing suit and towel! Camps are for ages 7-9 and 10-12. Call us for more information. Registration form available on-line.

Geocaching Scavenger Hunt

Get in on the Geocaching craze during this fun event this summer. Bring your GPS unit to the Morgan Conservation Park to explore the wonders of nature. This will be a fun family event and a great way to get to know this spectacular park! Date to be announced, contact us for more information.



Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons

Join us for tennis lessons for adults ages 18 and over and kids ages 6-8 and 9-12. Lessons take place at the

courts at Wendell Moore Park and/or Briar Hill Park. Morning classes: Meet twice a week for four weeks for \$48; Evening classes: Meet once a week for 6 weeks for \$36. Maximum of 8 students per class, minimum of 4. **Sessions start in late May.**

Beginning Youth Golf Clinic

Oldham County Parks and Recreation along with Crestwood Driving Range offers a five-week golf program each summer for children ages 6-12. The clinic meets on Monday evenings beginning **May 9 (session 1) or June 27 (session 2)**. \$80 per participant.

U.S.S.S.A.

Spring Softball Leagues

Registration for adult men's, coed and women's spring softball ends April 19.

The registration fee is



\$375 per team (includes U.S.S.S.A. sanction fee plus 10 balls) for an 8-week schedule plus a single-elimination tournament.

League play begins the week of April 25. Awards given to league winners. Fall league registration begins July 1.



Youth & Adult Archery Lessons

This five-week archery class will teach the basics of using a compound bow. Participants will learn how to safely shoot and handle a bow and arrow. Classes limited to twelve participants. Sessions held on **Monday or Wednesday evenings**, multiple sessions available. \$50 per participant.

Special Events



Wildflower Walk: April 9

Join us at the Morgan Conservation Park to check out nature's beauty on a guided wildflower hike. Meet at the shelter house at 1 pm for this free walk which will last approximately

2 hours. Call 225-0655 to confirm your attendance. Other nature walks are being planned throughout the warm weather months!

Mother/Son Dance: May 13

Hey, Moms, on the Friday after Mother's Day, here's a chance for you to have a fun night out with your favorite fella! On Friday May 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the John W. Black Community Center, come dance to some great tunes spun by a live DJ. For

only \$12 per couple we will provide light refreshments, contests, and a carnation to pin on the lapel of your young gentleman. There will be a photographer on hand to capture this special moment. Call 225-0655 for tickets.

Duathlon: June 4 Participants will run a 3K on course that includes firm surfaces and cross-country segments, a 10-mile bike ride, on a non-closed road course, and finish up with another 3K run. The race costs \$35 per individual, \$55 per two person team. Non-USAT members must add \$10 per participant to cover one-day insurance. Prizes will be awarded for top finishers. Early registration ends May 18, late registration accepted up to and including race day.

Freedom Celebration: July 4

Join us at Wendell Moore Park on the 4th of July for our FREE countywide celebration of our nation's independence. The festivities kick off in the afternoon with pool games and conclude with a spectacular fireworks display over the lake.



Aquathlon: Sat., August 20

USAT sanctioned. Our first ever aquathlon will combine a 400m pool swim with a 3K run on a crushed limestone trail. Registration fee: \$35 per individual and \$55 per two-person team. Registration forms will be available May 1-Aug 3.

Mini-Triathlon: September 10

Our USAT-sanctioned Mini-Triathlon is held at Wendell Moore Park on the first Saturday after Labor Day. The event includes a 400-meter pool swim, a 10-mile bike ride on a non-closed road course and a 3K run that includes firm surfaces and cross-country segments. The race costs \$45 per individual and \$75 for three-person teams. Non-USAT members must add \$10 per participant to

cover one-day insurance. The top three finishers in a variety of age groups as well as the men and women's overall winner receive awards. Registration begins July 1 and must be turned in by August 26. Maximum participation is 200 entries.



Oldham County Parks Run/Walk Series

Firecracker 5K: July 9 - Westport Park

Skeleton 5K: October 9-

Wendell Moore Park

Turkey Trotter 8K: November 19

— Wendell Moore Park

Join us on a running/walking tour of your parks! Visit the Parks & Rec. page at www.oldhamcounty.net for registration information!

To begin receiving the monthly Parks and Recreation e-newsletter, send an e-mail to: tcurtis@oldhamcounty.net. Type e-news in the subject line! Additional information and registration forms can be found at www.oldhamcounty.net or call us at 225-0655!

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Severe Weather Tips

Before the Storm

- Assemble a kit of essentials, like battery-operated flashlights and radios. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers. Be prepared for the possibility of a prolonged outage due to power line and electric equipment damage.
- Fill spare containers with water for washing, and keep a supply of bottled drinking water on hand. Maintain a supply of non-perishable food items, along with a hand opener for canned food.
- During an outage, switch off lights and appliances to prevent overloading circuits and damaging appliances when power is restored. Leave one lamp or switch on as a signal for when your power returns.
- Be sure to tune into your local weather station if you suspect severe weather is brewing. Understand the National Weather Service warning classification system. A tornado or severe storm watch means that conditions are favorable for those weather conditions forming. A warning means that dangerous weather conditions are developing and imminent.

- Lightning can travel up to ten miles away from a storm, so seek shelter as soon as you hear thunder.

After the Storm

- When venturing outside after a severe storm, stay away from downed power lines and be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard. Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are electrical, and treat all downed or hanging power lines as if they are energized. Warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility.
- If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or electric utility. Also when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out. Stop at all railroad crossings, and treat road intersections with traffic signals as a four-way stop before proceeding with caution.
- Before re-entering storm-damaged buildings or rooms, be sure all electric and gas services are



April through July are very active months for severe storms, lightning strikes and tornadoes. Please take a moment to review these tips.

turned off. Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so. If you can't reach your breaker box safely, call your electric utility to shut off power at the meter.

- Never step into a flooded basement or other area if water is covering electrical outlets, appliances or cords. Be alert to any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water. Never touch electrical appliances, cords or wires while you are wet or standing in water.
- Cleaning up and using water-damaged appliances also carry safety risks. Electric motors in appliances that have been

drenched or submerged should be thoroughly cleaned and reconditioned before they are put back into service. It may be necessary to repair or replace electrical appliances or tools that have been in contact with water. Do not use any water-damaged appliance until a professional has checked it out.

- When using a generator, follow all manufacturers' recommendations to avoid tragedy. Keep the generator dry and never plug it into a wall outlet or directly into the home's wiring. This could inadvertently energize the utility lines and injure yourself or others working to restore power.