

WHAT'S

Happening!

in Oldham County, Kentucky TM

Fall/Winter 2008

Baptist Hospital Northeast Named a Top 100 Performance Improvement Leader Again

Only Small Community Hospital in State Recognized

For the second consecutive year, Baptist Hospital Northeast in La Grange has been named one of the 2007 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals®: Performance Improvement Leaders. The Hospital was recognized by the healthcare information company for the fastest and most consistent performance improvement from 2002 to 2006, based upon an analysis of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid data.

“It is an honor to be recognized as one of the top two percent of hospitals in the nation in clinical excellence, patient satisfaction and financial stability,” said Administrator Dennis Johnson. “This is a testament to the work of our employees, physicians, management, volunteers and board in meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our patients and community.”

Baptist Northeast, one of only six Kentucky hospitals recognized, is the only one in Kentucky named in the small community hospitals (25 to 99 acute-care beds) category. Other Kentucky hospitals selected were Hardin Memorial Hospital in

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*- Dennis Johnson, Administrator
Baptist Hospital Northeast*



Elizabethtown and Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah (in the large community hospitals division (250 or more), Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville and St. Joseph East in Lexington (all in the medium

community hospitals division – 100 to 249 beds).

The list has been compiled annually by Thomson Healthcare (formerly Solucient) since 1993. It was published in the Aug. 11, 2008 issue of *Modern Healthcare* magazine. Objective statistical

national comparisons were used to measure improvement of

- clinical outcomes,
- patient safety,
- efficiency,
- financial stability, and
- growth.

Emergency Response ATV

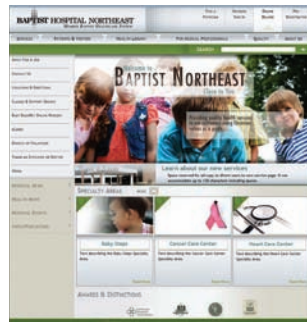


Baptist Hospital Northeast recently donated \$12,000 to purchase an emergency response Polaris Ranger 6x6 all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to be used by emergency responders in Oldham County. A press conference was held at the hospital on July 15, where Administrator Dennis Johnson, left, and Benita McNally, Emergency Department Director, center, were offered the first ride. The vehicle has already been used to aid a patient during the recent Ford Ironman Louisville competition in an area where an ambulance could not have gone.

New Web Site Unveiled

Baptist Hospital Northeast recently launched its new Web site design. “The new design is more modern, more eye-catching and better organized so that patients and visitors to the site can find what they need much easier and quicker,” said Bettina White, Marketing & Public Relations coordinator.

Visitors now have access to more information from the home page, but in an easy-to-use, organized format which includes drop-down boxes and a scrolling menu of specialty areas. A behind-the-scenes reorganization of the site was done prior to the redesign as a site map was created. This site map then became a guide for developers to create easy navigation within the



site, once visitors get beyond the home page.

Baptist Northeast is the first hospital in the Baptist Healthcare System to go live with the new design. Other hospitals in the system are Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah and Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin.

Baptist Hospital Foundation Formed

On Sept. 1, the Baptist Hospital East Foundation became the Baptist Hospital Foundation of Greater Louisville, giving Baptist Hospital Northeast a fully operational foundation.

Through the Foundation, Baptist Northeast hopes to not only communicate how fortunate our community is to have Baptist Northeast, but that the exceptional care provided can be enhanced with support from friends. The Baptist Hospital Foundation will serve not only Baptist Northeast, but also Baptist East and other programs and services that the two hospitals provide to the Metro-area communities they serve. When patients make donations to the Foundation, they may designate a fund at either hospital.

Program funds will serve the needs of Baptist Northeast and its service area. Over time, the number of funds will expand and/or more specialized funds will be created, but for now there are five funds: hospital improvement (small capital items), indigent care, patient care, staff education and development, and a general (immediate need) fund. There is also a fund which the two hospitals share – the Shirleene Barmore Memorial Nursing Education Assistance Fund. In the future, fund-raising initiatives will represent the outstanding healthcare services the region is offered through Baptist East and Baptist Northeast, and the funds will be held for special needs and/or programs at either hospital.

For more information about the Foundation, or if you know someone the Foundation should invite to participate, contact Foundation director Don Schieman at 896-7495 or donald.schieman@bhsi.com.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Prenatal Classes: Breastfeeding Your Newborn, 7 - 8:30 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 11; Anesthesia, 7 - 8 pm, Monday, Nov. 17; **Postpartum and Newborn Care**, 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, Nov. 20. Classes are free. To register, call the Baptist Hospital Northeast Information Center; email your request with your name, address and daytime telephone number to BHNInfoCenter@bhsi.com; or register online at baptistnortheast.com.

Living Well with Diabetes Support Group: 7 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 18. The meeting will feature an educational speaker and an open forum. For more information on the support group, call 222-3344.

Safe Sitter Course: 9 am - 5 pm, Saturday, Dec. 6. Deadline for paid registration is Friday, Nov. 21. A medically accurate program that teaches boys and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. Fee: \$45. Call 222-3877 for more information, or for a registration form.

Baptist Hospital Northeast

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL NORTHEAST
Close to you.

“Be Prepared” — Not Just a Quip When It Comes to EQIP

The Boy Scouts have a motto — “Be Prepared.” Farmers should take it into consideration when thinking of applying for USDA conservation cost share programs.

In November, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be ranking applications for the cost-share assistance program called the Environmental Quality Incentives Program EQIP. EQIP provides funds for livestock watering systems, fencing of ponds, streams and wooded areas, native grass establishment, development of springs, construction of heavy use feeding areas, the construction of animal waste storage systems and other conservation measures. But applicants need to be prepared.

Being prepared means:

1 Having your application on file early ... and that means now! For most USDA conservation programs, you may submit an application anytime, not just when you hear about a program funding opportunity being announced. This will assure that you are at least notified personally when a funding window opens.

2 Making sure that all of the required eligibility forms discussed with you when you filed your

application are up to date in the Farm Service Agency Office and in their computer database.

3 Obtaining a Farm and Tract Number which will be assigned to your application. If you are a new applicant and have never participated in any of these programs, you must have a number assigned to your land by the Farm Service Agency.

4 Knowing that filing your application on the last day means you run the risk of not being considered for this round of funding. If this is your situation, submit your application anyway because it puts you ahead of the game for the next funding period.

5 Fully understanding the program you are applying for and that the opportunities it offers to provide incentives for you to do the conservation work that you probably were going to do anyway.

“Be Prepared” means just that: getting things in order before you need them since the “early bird does get the worm.” Start your preparation by contacting the Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District @ 222-5123 or Kurt Mason @ 643-4692 or e-mail to kurt.mason@ky.usda.gov.

Plan Ahead. We're Here to Assist You



The Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District is ready to help with your soil or water management concerns or questions.

Our office will get a ton of calls from people who say something like this: “I’ve been thinking about building a pond for about two or three years and I’m ready to build it. I have a bulldozer coming out tomorrow and was wondering if you could come out and tell them where to dig.” As you can imagine, that is not likely to be possible on such short notice.

Our offices have a small staff: one person in the Soil and Water Conservation District Office and one person in the USDA Natural Resource Conservation District Office that covers five counties. We will be more than glad to assist you in evaluating your soil or water management concerns on an appointment basis.

Your soils- or water-related questions or inquiries are very important to us and we want to be

of help. If you are thinking about a project months in advance, include us in the planning process. A lot of inquires we get are based on recent (overnight) storm events or phenomena that happen all of a sudden like hillside slippages, sinkhole fallout or underground water problems associated with a rain event which may cause our schedules to be altered.

As the infomercials say, Kurt Mason with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service is standing by, waiting on your call and has been for more than 30 years. Our services are free to the public so call 222-5123 or e-mail occd@insightbb.com. Our best calls begin with, “Somebody gave me your name and said maybe you could help me” rather than, “I’ve got a bulldozer sitting here...”

Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Important Dates — Mark Your Calendar Now!

Fall Scrapbook Awards Ceremony Saturday, November 8 at the Duerson Library in LaGrange at 10 am.

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Friday, March 20 at the OC History Center from 11 am-12:30 pm.



Guidelines for Improving Storm Water Quality

Home Repair and Improvement

- **Protect Storm Drains** – Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and protect them from debris and other materials.
- **Debris Disposal** – Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- **Household Hazardous Materials** – Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills. Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- **Painting** – Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- **Reduce Runoff** – Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area on your property. Disconnect downspouts from the sewer drains and direct runoff onto your lawn or other permeable surface.

Lawn and Garden

- **Pesticides and Fertilizers** – Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals only in the recommended amounts, and choose organic mulch, slow-release fertilizers, and safer pest-control methods whenever possible. Avoid application if rain is in the forecast; otherwise, harmful chemicals and nutrients will be washed into your local stream.
- **Native Plants** – Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- **Yard Waste** – Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste whenever possible.
- **Watering** – Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain. Consider using a soaker hose rather than a sprinkler when watering is necessary.
- **Landscaping Materials** – Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.
- **Residential Landscaping** – Incorporating permeable pavements, rain barrels, and rain gardens into your landscape design can greatly impact storm water runoff by increasing infiltration and reducing polluted runoff. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through into the ground. Rain barrels can be connected to your downspouts to collect rainwater from rooftops, and this water can be used later to water lawns and gardens. Water from rooftops and paved areas may also be diverted to rain gardens specially designed with native plants to collect and filter runoff as it soaks into the ground.

Vehicle and Garage

- **Washing Your Car** – Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirt, oil, and soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.
- **Equipment Leaks** – Check your vehicles, other machinery, and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- **Automotive Fluids** – Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.
- **Drive Less** – Consider using your car less. Fewer cars on the roads mean less air and water pollution.

Pet Care

- **Pet Waste** – When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

Swimming Pool and Spa

- **Draining** – Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels. Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the sanitary sewer system.
- **Chemical Storage** – Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to storm water.

Septic System Use and Maintenance

- **Regular Inspections** – Have your septic system inspected by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years). Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens that can be carried by storm water into nearby water bodies, causing environmental and public health concerns.
- **Maintenance** – Care for the septic system drainfield by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drainfield to avoid damage from roots.
- **Flush Responsibly** – Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can clog the septic system and potentially damage components.

EPA materials were used to create these guidelines.

Exciting Events/Programs Ahead!

After another successful summer season, our staff at the Oldham County Parks and Recreation Department is looking ahead to fall and winter programs and events. Before covering what's coming up, let's take a few minutes to revisit some of the highlights of the past few months.

Our annual Mini-Triathlon continues to grow as triathletes from as far away as Chicago and St. Louis came to take on our challenging course. The "OC Mini-T" has grown steadily from 112 participants in

2001 to 228 this year.

This summer was the first for our "Fun-tastic" Day Camp as kids from all over the County came to enjoy outdoor activities, crafts and a dip in the pool. Another first this year was a Civil War encampment held at the Morgan Conservation Park. This event boomed into Oldham County with the firing of a reproduction Civil War era cannon!

The John W. Black Aquatic Center was once again the place to be in Oldham County for summer fun. Our yearly "Dog Party" wrapped

up the dog days of summer with 92 pups dropping in for a swim! Summer is never too far away, so remember; a season pool pass makes a unique holiday gift. Call us at 225-0655 to get yours for the 2009 pool season!

The John W. Black Community Center continues to be a favorite destination for parties, reunions, and receptions. The next time you're planning a get-together be sure to check us out, the perfect spot for your next event may be right here in Oldham County.

Briar Hill Park underwent numerous renovations over recent months including the construction of a picnic shelter, parking lot expansion, and new playground surfacing purchased through a crumb rubber grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The Morgan Conservation Park saw the addition of trail signs and maps to help visitors navigate the many miles of trails in this 217 acre gem in the northeast part of the county.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Youth Basketball

Registration for our popular youth basketball program began in September and runs through the first week in November. We offer an 8-week season plus a season-ending tournament or jamboree for boys and girls grades 2-8 for \$45 per child. Skills evaluation to be held on November 18, with all practices and games held on Saturday's beginning in January.

Adult Volleyball Leagues

Adult men & coed volleyball leagues begin play in January each year at OC Middle School. Registration is accepted October 1 through mid-January. The league fee of \$140 per team includes a 7-game schedule plus a single elimination tournament.

Letters from Santa

The Oldham County Parks and Recreation Department has made arrangements with the North Pole Post Office to have Santa contact your child by mail during the holiday season. Due to Santa's busy holiday schedule, letters can only be mailed December 1-15.

Teddy Bear Walk

December 13, 9:30 am, Wendell Moore Park

Join the Oldham County Parks and Recreation Department for a 2-mile walk to benefit the Teddy Bear Tree Program, which provides clothes for needy children in the

county during the holidays. The cost of the walk is \$10 plus a new toy per person or \$15 without a toy. Each participant will receive a shirt for walking.

Scrapbooking Event

January 17, 3-10 pm, John W. Black Community Center

Join us for our annual scrapbooking event. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person, which includes pizza for dinner and soft drinks. Consultants from Creative Memories & Close to My Heart will be offering a variety of classes full of scrapbooking ideas. You can pick & choose the classes that you want to attend for a minimal per-class materials fee. Call us for more information or to sign up!

Father/Daughter Dance

January 30 or 31, 6:30-8:30 pm, Oldham Co. Community Center

This event has become so popular, we're now offering two nights! Dads and their best girl (or girls) can come out for a fun-filled night of dancing and contests. A live D.J. and light refreshments accentuate the evening as well as a photographer for capturing this special moment. The \$12 per couple cost includes a rose for your date. For multiple daughters, add \$6 each. Tickets go on sale December 15 and must be purchased by January 26 at 4 pm. Maximum of 75 couples per night.

Ice Melt 5K

February 7, 9 am, Peggy Baker Park

Early registration is \$15; late registration (including on race day) is \$20. Prizes are given in a variety of age groups. Early registration guarantees you a T-shirt, day of registration while supplies last. Early registration deadline is January 21 at noon.

Family Survivor Night

February 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, John W. Black Community Center

You've seen the game on television; now join the Oldham County Parks and Recreation Dept. for our version of the popular reality game show. Bring your "tribe" to compete for prizes against other families. For only \$8 per person, we will provide a meal of hamburgers/hot dogs, baked beans, chips and a cookie along with prizes for the winning tribe. Registration deadline is February 4.

U.S.S.A. Spring Softball Leagues

Registration for men's, coed and women's spring softball begins Feb. 1. The registration fee is \$375 per team (includes U.S.S.A. sanction fee) for an 8-week schedule plus a single-elimination tournament. League play begins the week of April 14. Mandatory Captain's meeting April 8. League champs receive T-shirts and a sponsor's trophy. Tournament champs receive T-shirts only.

Oldham County Wedding Show

March 1, 1-5 pm, John W. Black Community Center

Come visit a wedding planner's paradise! Booths will be set up by various wedding related services from 1-5 pm. Find out everything you need to know for your big day.

"Clover Leaf" 10K Run

March 21, 9 am, John W. Black Community Center, Wendell Moore Park, Buckner

Join us for the 4th annual "Clover Leaf" 10K Run! Early registration is \$15; late registration (including on race day) is \$20. Prizes are given in a variety of age groups and all participants receive our famous "Clover Leaf" long-sleeve T-shirt. Volunteers needed for this event; call us to help out!

Classes in Ballroom Dancing and Belly Dancing

are also now forming!

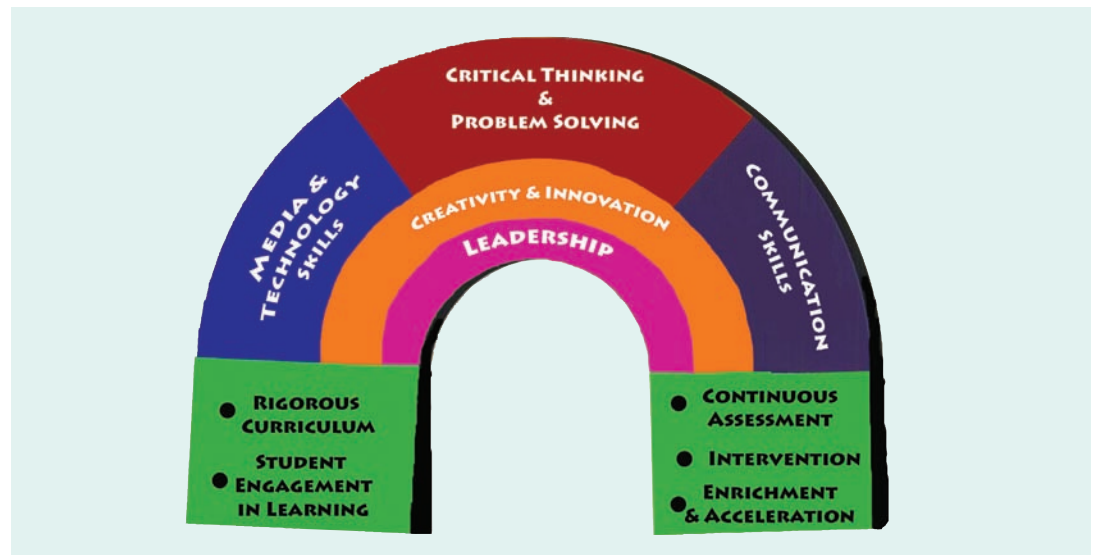
For information on all of our activities and events, call 225-0655 or visit our Web site.



Superintendent's Report:

Vision for Students

All Oldham County students, supported by family, community and schools, will participate in relevant engaging, quality learning tasks, in safe, well-designed schools, guided by highly-skilled teachers and visionary leaders. 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.



21st Century Student Learning Outcomes

Media and Technology Skills

Society in the 21st Century is saturated with an abundance of information. Graduates of Oldham County Schools will be prepared to utilize vital information through a variety of media and technology tools in the workplace and at home.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

To compete in a global economy, graduates of Oldham County Schools will possess thinking skills

and problem solving strategies that equip them to excel as workers and maneuver through life's challenges.

Communication Skills

Graduates of Oldham County Schools will possess reading, writing, speaking and listening skills that enable them to be successful in a complex and competitive society.

Creativity and Innovation

Graduates of Oldham County Schools will be successful in the conceptual age because they will have experienced many opportunities to use their knowledge in ways that allow them to discover, design, and invent concepts and products.

Leadership

Graduates of Oldham County Schools will have experienced ongoing opportunities to grow as leaders who are capable of serving at various levels in society.

District, School, and Classroom Commitments

Teachers in every Oldham County classroom provide an instructional program based on the five essential areas listed below :

- **Rigorous Curriculum** (What do students need to learn?)
- **Student Engagement in Learning** (How will we engage them so they learn best?)

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- **Continuous Assessment** (How will we know when they have learned?)
- **Intervention** (What will we do when they have not learned?)
- **Enrichment and Acceleration** (What will we do when they have already learned?)

Rigorous Curriculum (What do students need to learn?)

- More than 300 teachers have worked at the district level in subject area or grade level teams to create curriculum that is aligned with state and national standards for implementation in each Oldham County classroom.

Student Engagement in Learning (How will we engage them so they learn best?)

- Oldham County teachers, with the help of literacy coaches at each school, are working with their Professional Learning Community colleagues to engage

students daily with research-based instructional strategies.

- Teachers and staff at each Oldham County school have established a student-centered culture which is safe and responsive to the holistic needs of our students.

Assessment (How will we know when each student has learned?)

- Teachers use powerful formative assessment strategies to measure the learning of each student daily at the classroom level.
- The learning of our students is assessed and compared to the learning of students throughout Kentucky each year on the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT).
- The learning of our students is also assessed and compared to the learning of students throughout our nation on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (grades 1-7), the EXPLORE (8th grade), the PSAT (9th grade), the PLAN (10th grade), and the ACT (11th grade).

Intervention (How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?)

- If any of the above assessments show that a student is experiencing difficulty in learning, teachers and school support staff intervene immediately using an intervention plan that consists of additional time and support for students.

Enrichment and Acceleration (How will we respond when a student clearly has mastery of the learning standards?)

- To ensure continuous progress, teachers and school staff will provide learning activities to enrich material and accelerate students when a student demonstrates mastery of content.

Days of Note: Winter 2008

November 4	No School, Election Day
November 26-27	No School, Holiday
December 22-31	No School, Holiday
January 1-2	No School, Holiday
January 19	No School, M.L. King
March 30-31, April 1-3	No School

Oldham County Schools

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Oldham
COUNTY SCHOOLS

News from the Arts Center

Note from the Arts Center Director Alvin MacWilliams

The Oldham County Schools Arts Center, supported by the Oldham County Board of Education, is one of this region's most unique arts institutions. The Arts Center's School For The Arts provides cultural opportunities to nurture district school students, and the Arts Academy is a fully functioning community arts school that provides classes open to all children and adults — in music, dance, art, and theatre. Now in its fifth year, the Arts Center has proven to be highly effective in providing arts education for everyone. And now we have adopted big goals for the future — including our upcoming Artist in Residency, Beginning Strings Program, increased scholarship offerings, and more fully developed Arts Academy classes. In addition to arts education, we offer many scheduled events and concerts spanning the entire year — including our highly acclaimed Performance Series. I'd like everyone to join us this year as we provide for all of your diverse artistic desires.

To update you, here are a few of our accomplishments from the 2007-08 school year:

- An increase to nearly 500 Arts Academy students in music, art, dance, and drama — double the number of the previous year!
- 14 new and talented Arts Academy instructors, including district teachers and local artists
- Provided many new free opportunities plus scholarships for classes, lessons, and summer camps; 48 new scholarships totaling nearly \$5,000

- Provided free Performance Series tickets to district students and employees
- Big increases in numbers:
 - 4,994 district students performed as part of the School for the Arts
 - 10,085 people attended School for the Arts productions
 - 1,442 people attended Performance Series concerts
- Purchased a great new grand piano for the Performance Hall! The Oldham County Educational Foundation and the Board of Education generously made this possible.

Harry Pickens Selected as Artist in Residence

The Arts Center's exciting new Artist in Residency program encompasses all that we are striving for in developing a community of united learners through collaborations among students, teachers, community members and artists. An incredibly talented, inspiring, and versatile musician, Harry Pickens' recordings, concerts, and workshops have touched the lives of over 250,000 people over the past 25 years. He is a pianist, composer, teacher, organizational consultant, and engaged citizen. His international career as a jazz pianist has taken him to 17 countries throughout Europe, Japan, and the Americas, collaborating with many top names in the jazz field. As an educator Mr. Pickens has been a classroom teacher on the elementary, middle school, high school, and collegiate levels. He is a featured artist in the KET Arts Toolkit and the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, and he currently presents over 100 workshops, concert

performances, and keynote addresses annually.

The upcoming residency will span a 5-month period from November, 2008 through March, 2009. During that time, Mr. Pickens will spend a full day at each Oldham County school and will work with each school's music program to help students create an original musical piece that will be performed at a final Gala concert. Mr. Pickens will also present two public concerts at the Arts Center which will include educational lectures. He will visit individual classrooms at each district school to discuss with students the important and often surprising relationships between the arts and other studied subjects. And, he will conduct several seminars for district teachers discussing how the arts can affect students.

Many thanks go to those who have funded this year's residency: The Sutherland Foundation, and the Raymond and Irene Wilborn Charitable Foundation.

New Strings Programs

Oldham County Schools now has a unique opportunity for students to begin learning to play the violin or cello — conveniently at the Arts Center, Harmony Elementary, or LaGrange Elementary. Students are grouped into small classes by grades K-1 and 2-5 where music is taught using the highly acclaimed Early Start on the Violin/Cello method. The program currently serves over 60 children in the district, many of whom



are on scholarship. The program fills a void in the arts education of our children since the district has had well-developed visual arts, vocal arts, and band programs, but had no strings or orchestras in the past. The strings program exists in hubs at three locations, each occurring on a separate afternoon. Students will perform at each location and also come together for large group concerts at the Arts Center.

Our new Chamber Music Ensemble also fulfills the need for a group playing and performing experience for string and piano students who are already performing at a high level. This exciting opportunity now exists in Oldham County for talented players who have needed to drive to Jefferson County for this in the past. Chamber Music provides the unique experience of working in a small group setting that pairs the demands of playing in an ensemble with being responsible for one's own individual musical

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oldham County Schools Arts Center

Times and dates are subject to change. Call or visit www.oldhamcountyartscenter.com for current information.

NOVEMBER

Harry Pickens-Artist in Residency begins.

Willy Wonka

School Performances-

Nov. 6, 10 am, 12 pm - \$6

Public Performances-

Nov. 7, 7 pm - \$8

Nov. 8 & 9, 2 pm and 7 pm

This timeless tale tells the story of a poor boy who wins the opportunity to tour the most eccentric and wonderful candy factory of all. Adapted from the novel, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. All children cast.

OCHS Symphonic Band & the Western Kentucky University Band Concert

Nov 18, 7 pm - Free

Taste of Broadway

NOHS- November 21, 22

DECEMBER

Arts Academy Winter Quarter begins December 1, 2008

Register early. Classes fill quickly. Visit us online at www.oldhamcountyartscenter.com to print your registration form. Fax or mail it today!

Twas the Night before Christmas

School Performances-

Dec. 2-5, 10 am - \$5

Public Performance-

Dec. 6, 11 am - \$8

American Dream Theatre presents a contemporary twist to this holiday tale.

Locust Grove Elementary Choir Concert

Dec. 9, 7 pm - FREE!

Holiday Musical Celebration

Dec. 13, 7:30 pm - \$8

Join us with your family as we present traditional holiday music.

OCHS Holiday Concert

Dec. 16, 7:30 pm - FREE!

JAN - MARCH

All-County Middle School Choir

Friday Jan. 16, 7 pm - FREE!

Students from all middle schools perform in concert with their district choir directors.

Louisville Brass

Jan. 23, 7 pm, \$10/Students free

Performance Series Event

From Baroque to Jazz, enjoy this culminating performance after the clinics given to the Oldham high school bands.

Benita Bike's DanceArt Company

Feb. 28, 7 pm, \$10/Students free

Performance Series Event

Modern Dance with a 'Double Take' choreographer and dancer descriptive review.

All County Middle School Art Show

March 4 through end of the month.

FREE!

Month long student art display in the Business and Professional Women's Gallery

Jack and the Beanstalk-School Performances-

March 10-11, 12-10 am - \$5

Public Performance-

March 14, 11 am - \$8

American Dream Theatre visits Jack's story from another perspective in this stage performance of the classic tale. Maybe it's not as old Jack always tells it! Join us in the courtroom where we get to the bottom of things.

KY Music Educators Association Regional Choral Festival

March 19, All Day

KY Music Educators Association Regional Band Festival

March 24, 25, All Day

part. Beginning Strings will create demand for the Chamber class which will then have potential to provide a district orchestral program. The Chamber Ensemble is also now being offered to district high school students for a performance based credit. Students who successfully meet the audition requirements receive a full tuition scholarship for the year and if requirements are met, a full credit is issued through their individual high school.

Arts Academy Classes

Greylyn Gregory, American Dream Theatre founder and director, is now a member of the

OCSAC Arts Academy faculty. Lyn continues her very successful Musical Theatre Workshops with upcoming performances of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "Jack and the Beanstalk." Promising young thespians will hone their performing skills through emphasis on focus and listening, self-expression and the basics of becoming true stage performers.

Join highly touted specialist Angela Bartley for some of the most high-energy, in-demand Adult Ballroom Dancing classes. Ms. Bartley, director of Salsa Dance Louisville, brings her teaching experience and exposure to regional

and local dance events, allowing students to use their new dance skills at local dance hot-spots. The versatile Ms. Bartley also teaches teen dance and private acting lessons at the Arts Center.

John Bensing, local artist and Oldham County Schools art teacher, brings over 31 years of teaching experience to our Clay Hand-building class for elementary students. While building and developing better motor skills, students will learn how to bring their conceptual ideas into reality. Form, function and self-expression are incorporated to create clay works of art.

With the advent of digital photography, this medium has become more accessible to children, inspiring our new Digital Photography class for middle and high school students. No more film, dark rooms, chemicals and bad exposures! A digital camera, a computer, a printer and software take simple snapshots to gallery show pieces. Colvin Atchison, instructor at Brown-Mackie College guides OCS Arts Center students through Photoshop Elements exposing them to lighting, composition, angle and symmetry, all in one of our most popular classes.

Faces in the District



MariAnn Arnold • *Locust Grove Elementary School* Oldham County's newest elementary school has a veteran principal at the helm in MariAnn Arnold. Before starting up Locust Grove Elementary, MariAnn served as principal of Camden Station Elementary. MariAnn's knowledge of the district and leadership skills made her the perfect fit to lead Locust Grove to greatness.



Janet Fraser • *Gifted & Talented Coordinator* Janet Fraser takes on a new role in Oldham County this year. Last year Janet served as a 5th-grade GT cluster teacher at Harmony Elementary, and this year she takes on one of the two Gifted & Talented Coordinator positions recently created by the Board of Education. Janet has spent her entire career working with gifted children, and she is so excited about taking Oldham County's program to the next level!



Brent Deaves • *Oldham County High School* Brent Deaves, once a student at Oldham County High School, now serves as the school's principal! Brent began his teaching career at OCHS in 1998, and has been a member of the administrative team since 2002.



Todd Mullins • *Oldham County Middle School* Todd Mullins, once an Oldham County Middle School student himself, now serves as the school's assistant principal! Todd has worked his way around the district; before coming to OCMS he taught at NOMS and served as the guidance counselor for SOMS. Todd also served in the US Army.



Stu Martin • *Camden Station Elementary School* Stu Martin changes roles in Oldham County this year; he went from serving as the assistant principal at LaGrange Elementary to becoming the principal of Camden Station Elementary. Stu is from Iowa, where he began his career by teaching and coaching a variety of athletic teams.



Stacey Bischoff • *Buckner Elementary School* Stacey Bischoff has been working as the assistant principal of Buckner Elementary since January. Before coming to Oldham County, Stacey worked in Jefferson County's public schools for ten years. Stacey is a Louisville native, and played on Assumption High School's state winning volleyball team in 1992!



Jackie Howell • *Gifted & Talented Coordinator* Jackie Howell comes to the district from Elizabethtown Independent, where she served as the gifted education resource teacher and an academic coordinator, but she is no stranger to the faces in Oldham County! Jackie worked with Superintendent Paul Upchurch and Assistant Superintendent Anita Davis while in Elizabethtown, and credits her wonderful working relationship with Ms. Davis as the reason she commutes everyday from Elizabethtown to Oldham County for this job!

Operation: SPIRIT Provides Help to Parents

If you are one of those parents who thinks that your family is the only family that has issues, then you aren't alone! "I was one of those 'too sure I didn't need help' kind of parents," said Operation: SPIRIT President Jean Schumm. When the first of her five children reached the teenage years, Schumm began to realize that she wasn't proactive in her parenting. "It was the first time I ever felt insecure as a parent," said Schumm. "Issues were coming up that I didn't face as a teenager, and I thought I was the only parent who felt that way; I really isolated myself." Schumm believes it is hard for parents to reach out and find support when they are parenting teens because of the stigma

associated with having family issues. "Utilizing Operation: SPIRIT doesn't mean you have problems, it means you are educating yourself and getting out in front of the problems."

Around that time, Schumm received a book in the mail from former Oldham County Superintendent Blake Haselton entitled *A Tribe Apart*. "It was about the new teenage culture, and I realized that I was going about parenting the wrong way," said Schumm. "I realized that I can learn this stuff." So Schumm set about researching the issues at hand for today's teens, and came up with an idea that would help other parents in her situation. "We are just parents informing other parents,"

said Schumm of Operation: SPIRIT, which stands for Supportive Parents Involved in Raising Incredible Teens. Operation: SPIRIT started out on the South Oldham campus, but Schumm hopes the organization can reach parents world-wide. "In the back of my mind I thought if this works, we could duplicate this at other schools."

Through Operation: SPIRIT, parents can participate in small group discussions and learn valuable information from the organization's handbook. In the two years that the organization has been in operation, over 117 parents have gone through small group sessions.

So far, Operation: SPIRIT has shipped handbooks to schools across

the state and even to a district in New Jersey. Their handbook includes timely issues that today's teens face and how parents can handle those issues. "We made this handbook really personal at first, and have revised it to make it more universal," said Schumm. "But a lot of these pages are written by parents who have dealt with these issues. The page on sneaking out was written by a parent whose son snuck out and got a head injury. I figured, who better to write these pages than the people who have really dealt with these issues."

For more information on Operation: SPIRIT, visit: www.operationspirit.org.

Oldham County Health Department

Respiratory Etiquette Helps Everyone Stay Healthy



Many germs are spread by respiratory droplets from coughing or sneezing into the air. These germs can then be inhaled by another person or transmitted through surfaces that are contaminated.

Here's how to cover your cough:

- Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue every time you cough or sneeze.
- Throw your used tissues directly into a waste basket.
- Sneeze or cough in your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available.
- Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing either with soap and water or hand sanitizer.

Washing your hands frequently can also reduce other germ transmission. Proper hand washing can prevent colds, flu and diarrheal

illnesses. To properly wash your hands:

- Use warm running water and soap.
- Rub hands together for 20 seconds.
- Wash between your fingers, under fingernails and on the backs of your hands.
- Rinse hands with warm running water.
- Dry with a clean or disposable towel.

- If hand washing facilities are not available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

In addition, stay home when you're sick and don't share eating utensils, drinking glasses/cups or other personal items. For more information on preventing disease transmission, contact the Oldham Co. Health Department at 222-3516.

Oldham County Health Department

Don't Forget, We Do:

- Flu shots
- Family Planning
- Diabetes Education
- WIC (Nutritional Food Supplement Program)
- Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing and Treatment

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www.oldhamcohd.com

Hours:

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

Letter from the Judge/Executive



Duane Murner
Judge/Executive

As we approach the mid-point of our administration, I am proud to tell you that I believe our financial house is back in order and that we have a fairly clear roadmap for the future of Oldham County. This means that our budget is balanced and we can expect to begin making some contribution to the reserves needed to fund the infrastructure needs and capital improvements identified by our Vision Council a year ago.

Since the last issue of *What's Happening*, we have sponsored or helped coordinate a great many community events — July 4 fireworks, Ironman competition, and many Parks activities. We will soon cut the ribbon for the expanded Senior Center, which doubled the size of the Buckner facility, and are getting ready to cut the ribbon for the expanded and rebuilt Dispatch Center. We have also held groundbreaking ceremonies for a new walking/jogging trail in Wendell Moore Park thanks to a cooperative partnership with the all-volunteer Greenways organization and the Oldham County Road Department.

Our website, which can be found at oldhamcounty.net, has been re-formatted and now includes a great deal of relevant and current

data and documents, including a good deal of information about the new storm water management responsibilities being enforced by the US EPA and the KY Division of Water. The cooperation of our Executive Assistant, Tina Schaaf, Lt. Col. Billy Way of our Police Department, and Parks Director Tim Curtis are responsible for this in-house and very attractive site. The public access cable channel, Insight Channel 25, has also been updated with significant quality improvements, and the meetings of Fiscal Court and the Planning Commission are posted almost immediately forming a continuous loop.

The biggest single event since the tornado of '74 came to town on Sunday, September 14 in the person of Hurricane Ike. We experienced major damage from sustained wind and gusts. Trees and power lines throughout the county went down, and at least 75% of the county lost power for some period of time. Many residents were without power for over a week. The great majority of County residents rose to the occasion, helping themselves and neighbors. Our Emergency Management Director, Kevin Nuss, faced his first major test and flawlessly coordinated emergency and repair service personnel, organizing priorities and inventing numerous creative actions to attract help. Kevin "shanghaied" an entire work crew by promising hot showers and a place to sleep at the community center if they could restore power. Our Road Supervisor, Brian Campbell, coordinated several crews, including inmates from the Jail and Reformatory, to saw and chip debris if residents could haul it to the road in front of their homes. As of this writing, that activity is on-

going. We are deeply indebted to all the county emergency personnel who worked long hours to help. And we are especially indebted to the many organizations who made major contributions of everything from personnel, to buses, to linens, to cots, to food and drink. Among these are: Tri-County Community Action Agency, the Health Department, Oldham County Government Staff, LG&E contracted electrical workers

who covered Oldham County, Oldham County State Garage, Wal-Mart, Kroger, Papa John's and Domino's Pizza, Irish Rover Too, Steve O's, LaRue County, the YMCA, KY State Reformatory and Roederer Correctional Complex, Jailer Mike Simpson, and many churches and individual residents.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve as your Judge/Executive.

Oldham County Government Offices

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Linda Fountain, Director - 222-9357 • lfountain@oldhamcounty.net

A Search for Hidden Treasure in Oldham County!

I know of a man in a very rural area who boasted for years that he had the largest Corvette collection in the United States. After being strongly questioned and reminded that there was a Corvette Museum (so his ravings could not possibly be true), an unbeliever flew five states to see this hobby for himself. After much research and communication with Corvette, sure enough, this man had the largest collection of Corvettes... in the WORLD! His collection included models that were produced only once. He, indeed, owned more than the famous Corvette Museum! Who would have known? He put their small, rural town on the map!

Do you or someone you know have a unique hobby, rare collection or unmatched skill that might be of

interest to other people? Do you have a fabulous garden or farm that can possibly be the envy of millions? Do you have a rare heirloom collection handed down for generations that is currently in storage?

To give you some ideas, in my year-long search I have found a retired gentleman among us whose hobby is raising exotic birds. Another man is a world-famous sword maker whose swords can be found on display at the Frasier Museum and seen in blockbuster movies! There is a collection of rare, antique whiskey jugs at the Oldham County History Center that was, at one time, a true hidden treasure until donated.

I am looking for those beautiful gardens and gorgeous horse and alpaca farms. I'm looking for rare

collections, unique hobbies and those extremely fascinating skilled craftsmen. I am digging to uncover those rare and unique gems. YOU could be part of putting Oldham County on a tourist's map!

If you or someone you know in Oldham County has a fabulous hidden gem, please email me at Director@TourOldhamCounty.com by December 31st, 2008.

Please include your name and phone number, the name of the



*Kim Buckler, Executive Director
Oldham County Tourism*

“gem keeper” and their contact information, and a photo if possible.

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Oldham County Public Library

Holiday Events at OCPL



December 6, Noon to 3 pm Join us for the Sixth Annual “*Nature of Christmas in Gosben*” provided by the Library and the Creasey-Mahan Nature Preserve, Harmony Landing Rd. in Goshen. Besides a visit with Santa, other events include hayrides, holiday craft instruction for children, a marshmallow roast, and other family entertainment.

The event starts at noon and is free. Check www.oldhampl.org for more information.

December 13, 4 pm Saturday, December 13, the South Oldham Library in Crestwood will have a Holiday Open House from 3 to 5 pm. Back by popular demand, the Louisville Dulcimer Society will play seasonal favorites. Friends and neighbors are invited to stop by for punch and cookies and Christmas music. The event is free.

Fun Facts About Your Libraries

In Fiscal Year 2007/2008 the Library:

- Circulated 346,830 items
- Was visited by residents 195,495 times
- Registered 108,877 sessions of at least 30 minutes on 38 public computers
- Provided 342 programs for 16,099 children from toddlers to after-school programs
- Answered 66,924 research questions
- Was open for 8,112 hours
- Employed 37 public service specialists
- Enjoyed an “Enhanced” level of achievement according to Kentucky Library Standards

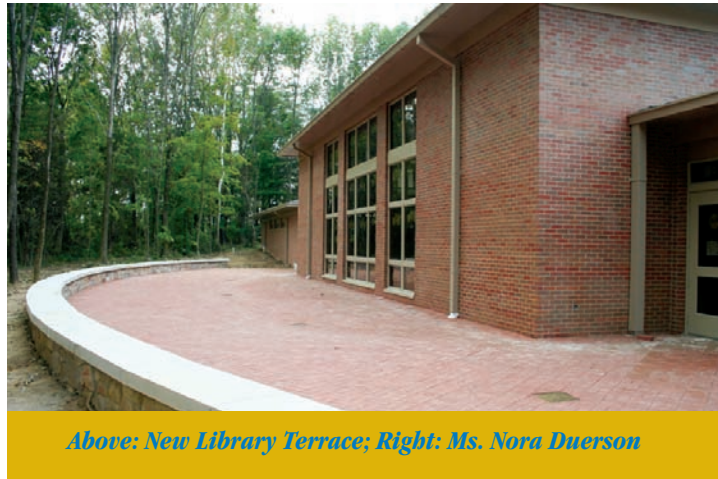
And we did all this with three small libraries. Imagine what will be possible with the new Main Library opening in January, 2009!

Goodbye ... Hello!

Duerson Library at 106 East Jefferson Street in LaGrange will close forever on Saturday, November 29, 2008, at Noon. It will surely be a disruptive event to the library's user community as well as the resourceful and clever librarians who have provided so much to the citizens of LaGrange and Oldham County over the years.

Of course, it's not goodbye forever because the new LaGrange Oldham County Main Library will be opening soon. The completion date for the new library is set for late November and since moving and the Christmas holidays coincide, the public opening date will be in early January.

More than six times the size of the present building, the new Main Library will be a benchmark for Oldham County and a real gift to all its citizens. It is developed as a fully sustainable "green" building integrating today's most energy efficient and environmentally sound standards. It will incorporate the newest digital technologies for today's high speed demands for information and it will also still be the place where a child can hear a story read aloud and become awed by magic of reading. The vision



Above: New Library Terrace; Right: Ms. Nora Duerson



of the new library is to provide an inviting place where people of all ages, interests and abilities will turn for knowledge, entertainment, and cultural enrichment.

Moving a library is a mammoth task that requires precise, long-range planning and although the promise of anticipated benefits in the new building loom ahead there is no way to assuage the loss that will be felt when leaving a building that for 40 years has provided so much to Oldham County.

When the Oldham County Public Library system was established in 1968 it took over the circa 1948 building that had been The Duerson Memorial Library in LaGrange. In 1945, Mrs. Mary Duerson had willed

her land at the corner of 146 and 53 for the purpose of establishing a city library in her daughter's name. Ms. Nora Duerson died in 1918 at the age of 42. As a member of the classical department at the LaGrange Academy, Miss Nora had taught classes for many years before her death. She had also compiled information on women's suffrage and often gave speeches on women's issues in the surrounding area including Louisville.

The new Main Library will rename the Genealogy and History collections for Nora Duerson. Her portrait will be displayed as well as copies of her *Commonplace* books and scrapbooks. It can be hoped that the learning spirit that

inspired the life of Nora Duerson will continue in the new library location and that her legacy will live on into the new millennium.

"The Nora Duerson Circle" will be comprised of benefactors and donors who wish to contribute to the new library's success in its inaugural year and in the years to come. For more information on "The Nora Duerson Circle" or on how you can contribute to the new library please see page 15, or call the Library Administrative Offices at 241-9899. The Library has been an integral part of the Oldham Community since 1968 and a part of LaGrange since the 1940s. Contact us to find out how you can establish a memorial paving stone in your name to commemorate both the past and the future of the Library in your community.

Oldham County Public Library



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Oldham County Libraries

Duerson Library (closing Nov. 29)
106 E. Jefferson St., LaGrange
Librarian: Mary Mielczarek 222-1133
Children's Librarian: Shannon Kruer

South Oldham Library

6720 West Highway 146, Crestwood
Librarian: Vicki Marsh 241-1108

Mahan Oldham Library

12505 Harmony Landing Road, Goshen
Librarian: Rhonda Burks 228-1852

Library Hours at All Locations

Open Mon. – Thurs. 10 am – 8 pm
Friday and Saturdays 10 am – 5 pm

Administrative Offices

5895 West Highway 146, Buckner
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241-9899 ; 241-6048 Fax
Open Mon. - Fri., 9:30 am - 5 pm

Make a Lasting Impression

Main Library Commemorative Pavers on Sale Now

Create a lasting memory by purchasing a commemorative paving brick that will be installed on the Reading Terrace at the beautiful new Main Library in LaGrange. Nestled among the trees and landscaped walkways with access to the interior of the new library, the Reading Terrace will provide an outdoor natural setting for library visitors and readers. The Oldham County Public Library is making available these lasting tributes for those who wish to remember or honor a friend or loved one or celebrate a special occasion through a gift to the Library Capital Campaign. The terra cotta bricks are 4" x 8" in size. Characterization is available in two lines with 11 characters each line including



Rendering of the Reading Terrace at the beautiful new Main Library in LaGrange.

spaces and punctuation. Cost is \$50 per brick. Please enter your information below. Make checks

payable to: Oldham County Public Library, PO Box 406, Buckner, KY 40010.



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Dog Bite Prevention

Oldham County Animal Control investigates many dog bites every year. Sometimes the bites are the result of a dog versus dog fight. Some dog bites are understandable, such as a dog that is over stimulated by rough play, and he crosses the line and accidentally inflicts a bite.

We should never accept dominant or aggressive behavior in dogs. Bites are never a good thing, but sometimes it is understandable why the dog bit.

There are multiple factors that lead to dog bites. There are approximately five million dog bites a year in the US with about 15% considered severe.

Helpful Hints:

■ It is up to the owner to recognize the stimulus that



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may trigger a bite and to avoid/correct that situation.

■ When meter readers or letter carriers or other people with lawful reason to enter your property are expected, keep your dog indoors.

■ Teach your dog proper socialization — dogs kept tethered for long periods of time have a greater tendency to be biters.

■ Have your dog spayed or neutered — intact dogs are three times more likely to be aggressive compared to sterilized dogs.

■ Teach your children to ask permission to pet a dog — not all dogs are child-friendly.

■ If confronted by an aggressive dog, do not scream or run and do not stare into the dog's eyes. Stand still and look away from the dog until he loses interest.

■ If you see a loose dog call Animal Control at 222-7387. Animal Control makes every effort to reunite lost dogs with owners.

■ Consult your veterinarian about correct training and medical care to ensure you have a healthy, gentle, and trustworthy pet.

Oldham County Recycling Center Expands Services

Oldham County's Recycling Center is located at 3943 Jones Drive across from Oldham County High School.

The center is an unstaffed facility and open seven days per week. There are now two 30cy containers daily at the site to accommodate the increase in recycling. One container is for all paper items except cardboard and one is for all other household recyclables.



Other household recyclable items include:

- Glass food/drink bottles/jars
- "Tin" cans (soup, vegetable and pet food)
- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil/cans/containers
- Plastic milk jugs/cups/bottles/jars
- Items marked #1 thru #7 with recycling symbol

Additional designated collection bins include:

- Cardboard — (broken-down)
- Retail plastic bags are collected in the blue tote
- Inkjet/toner cartridges
- Electronic items — computers, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, televisions, etc.
- Lead-acid batteries and dry-cell batteries

Acceptable paper items include:

- White/mixed office paper
- File folders
- Manila/regular envelopes
- Brown paper bags
- Telephone books
- Magazines/catalogs
- Pizza/Cereal/gift boxes
- Newspapers

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