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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Lisa Jones
on Sister Jeanette Haas

EPIC website goes live

Owensboro Medical Health System
Epic—Electronic Medical Records

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The Epic Project

Epic is an electronic medical record system (EMR) that will help transform healthcare delivery in our region. Designed for both inpatient and outpatient use, Epic provides healthcare providers with a secure, central location to exchange healthcare information electronically. The system will be implemented in phases, with select clinics going live as early as June 2011. The hospital is projected to be live by the end of 2011.

Video: Project Leaders Introduce Epic

Quick Links

For a schedule of training sessions and all the latest information on the OMHS Electronic Medical Record System, visit www.omhs.org/epic.

Great source for information about training and the EPIC program.

With the EPIC "go live" getting closer and closer there's now a destination for physicians, OMHS employees, practice administrators, patients and community members to find all the latest information about the project.

The site can be found at www.omhs.org/epic. Physician practices interested in getting more information about the OneChart and MyChart programs can also find it on the new EPIC website. OneChart links practices with the hospital enabling both parties to utilize a single patient database and exchange healthcare information in a secure environment.

"It really comes down to getting the right information to the right person at the right time," according to

Rex Vaughn, executive director of Information Systems and EPIC project administrator.

The EPIC website went live at the end of March and will be updated as new information about the EMR project is released. The EPIC project started in 2010 and 'go live' dates are scheduled throughout the second half of 2011 with the hospital scheduled to start using the EPIC EMR by the end of the year. Dr. Neville Sarkari, inpatient champion for the project says this will be secure system for patients who visit the hospital or a practice using the OneChart system.

"There are various advantages you get with an electronic medical record that you don't get with paper," Sarkari said. "The system has the ability to share information from one provider to another that doesn't need to be photocopied and faxed."



Upcoming Events at OMHS

April 11-May 12

Credentialed Trainer Training (for all ambulatory EPIC go-lives)

April 13th & 14th

Crucial Conversations

This 16 hour program will provide you with the opportunity to enhance your leadership skills by conducting crucial conversations.

April 16th

Last Piece of Steel Ceremony

You're invited to join OMHS in celebrating the last two pieces of steel being placed on the new hospital structure. These beams will be placed as part of a celebration for employees, physicians and community members. The ceremony will run from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

April 21st

MyChoice group meeting

'MyChoice' is a weight loss support group for people who have had, or are in the process of having any type of weight-loss surgery. Meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the OMHS HealthPark Chapel.

May 6th

Health Career Exploration Day

This is a great opportunity for young adults to learn about many of the career opportunities available in healthcare and OMHS. This year's event will be held in the OMHS Conference Center from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Do you have an OMHS related event you'd like to share in Extra? Send it to speck@omhs.org and we'll include it in the 'Upcoming Events' section!

OMHS employee creates arrangements for all occasions



Brenda Daily, OMHS' in-house floral designer prepares 40 to 45 arrangements a week for the Gift Shop, not including special orders.

Brenda Daily makes bouquets sold in the hospital gift shop.

Story and photo by Mike Kublin

Employees, patients and visitors might be surprised to know that, tucked back in Volunteer Services, is where all of the beautiful floral arrangements are made for the hospital's Gift Shop. Each one is created by Brenda Daily, who has been the hospital's in-house floral designer for almost 14 years.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing," Brenda says, "because I never get tired or bored. Every arrangement is always something different."

Her experience creating floral arrangements began when she was hosting decorating parties for Home Interiors. Then, 22 years ago, she started volunteering at the hospital – delivering flowers from florists – and thought she could do more. So, she began making silk flower arrangements, then "graduated" to fresh

flowers, and worked herself into a job at the Gift Shop.

Many departments call on Brenda to design floral arrangements for special occasions. She created floral centerpieces for the hospital's gala the last three years and, recently, provided flower arrangements for the new hospital's "Topping Out" ceremony.

Brenda is also pleased to accommodate employees' special orders, including occasions like Valentine's Day, prom night, and daddy/daughter dances.

"I can usually make up an order the same day it is placed," she said. "Unusual flower requests – or large orders – can take several days to complete. I work to keep our prices a little lower than what florists charge. Plus, all of the proceeds go back into the hospital in support of events, activities and capital campaigns."

Employees interested in Brenda's work can reach her weekday mornings at 688-2410.



Sister Jeanette Haas (right) seen here during her retirement party in July 2004.

Sister Jeanette Haas remembered

She was a leader during the merger of Mercy Hospital and Owensboro Daviess County Hospital.

Described as a leader and a visionary, former OMHS Senior Vice President of Mission Services, Sister Jeanette Haas died March 29th. She was laid to rest April 1st after a service at Mercy Convent Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee.

“She was very much a leader at the executive level,” said Vicki Stogsdill, vice-president of nursing services. “She was also very patient and staff oriented.”

Born in Paducah, Stogsdill said Haas joined the Mercy Convent after graduating high school and has impacted countless lives as a teacher and in healthcare. Haas was very crucial in the merging of Mercy Hospital and Owensboro Daviess County Hospital and was the head of the cultural design team.

“Jeanette taught us the importance of mission and the value of culture,” said Lisa Jones, vice-president of clinical services. “Her ministry left a lasting impact on OMHS.”

The hospital’s core commitments are a direct outcome of Haas’ work according to Stogsdill.

“Sister taught me that when you truly know yourself, then you’re able to respect yourself,

and it is only when you learn to respect yourself that you are able to respect others,” said Lisa Fulkerson, administrative assistant to the CEO & COO.

You’re invited to the
OMHS Chapel at your own convenience
to remember Sr. Jeanette Haas
with a self-directed prayer guide.
Memory books are available for you to
record special words of remembrance.

Get Movin’ 2011 ends with healthy results

Winners of the challenge will be announced at the April 16th ‘Last Piece of Steel’ ceremony

With approximately 3.5 million minutes logged by the hundreds of participants in this year’s Get Movin’ 2011 Community Challenge, Collette Carter the director of the HealthPark couldn’t be happier.

“It has really been fun to see people have great benefit and find the value of physical activity through Get Movin’.”



The challenge ended Sunday March 27th with this week being the last chance to log minutes. Next the totals will be tallied and winners will be announced. Prizes for the challenge are set to be awarded on April 16th when OMHS hosts a ‘Last Piece of Steel’ ceremony at the new hospital site. Of the 187 teams in the challenge, 34 were made up of OMHS employees.

Healthy lifestyles

Summer Vegetable Spaghetti

- 2 cups small yellow onions, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups ripe tomatoes (about 1 pound), chopped and peeled
- 2 cups yellow and green squash (about 1 pound), thinly sliced
- 1 ½ cups (about ½ pound) fresh green beans, cut
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 Tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 can (6 oz) tomato paste
- 1 pound spaghetti
- Parmesan cheese

Combine first 10 ingredients in a large saucepan and cook for 10 minutes, and then add tomato paste. Cover and cook gently for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender. Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Spoon sauce over drained hot spaghetti and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Makes 9 servings

Per serving:

Calories- 271, fat- 3 g, saturated fat- 1 g, cholesterol- 4 mg, sodium- 328 mg, fiber- 5 g, protein- 11 g, carbohydrates- 51 g, potassium- 436 mg

Adapted from *A Healthier You*, www.healthier.us.gov/dietaryguidelines.



New Information!

HIP participants can now go into Lawson and sign-up for a 2nd quarter coaching session.

If you have questions you can contact Nancy Velotta at 688-4881.

New clinical trial available at Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center



Dr. Alan Mullins

Dr. Alan Mullins with the OMHS Oncology Clinical Trials Program, in collaboration with the Kentucky Lung Cancer Research Program, is conducting a questionnaire study to look at factors that influence the survival of early stage lung cancer among Kentuckians. He is currently seeking volunteers to participate in this questionnaire study.

You may be eligible to participate in this study if you are:

- 18 years of age or older
- Kentucky resident
- Within 10 weeks of surgery for stage I, II, or IIIA lung cancer
- Willing to complete three surveys (one at the Mitchell Memorial Cancer Center followed by two additional surveys that will be completed by telephone with the study coordinator).

Your participation will help the oncology team learn more about lung cancer in Kentucky. For more information, please contact Shawn Sams, RN, BSN, CCRP, Oncology Clinical Trials Coordinator, OMHS at (270) 688-3691.

OMHS coed softball team forming

Employees interested in joining the OMHS coed softball team can contact Mike Brooks with Patient Transport. You can email Brooks at mike.brooks@omhs.org or call him at extension 2217.

Welcome new employees!



Row 1: Tabettha Mcelroy – CSU; Gwendlyon Wells – Business Office; Frances Slavin – Environmental Services; Trina Murphy – Orthopedics; Tawnya Flener – Medical 4-4. Row 2: Amy Adams – MultiCare Madisonville; Bobbi Welch – Patient Transport; Michael Ruby – Emergency Department; Tiffany O'Bryan – Rehab; Deborah Vega – Emergency Department

New skyline today. New hospital tomorrow.

CONSTRUCTION
MILESTONE CELEBRATION

YOU'RE INVITED!
Sat., April 16th
10:00–11:30 a.m.

New Hospital Construction Site between
Pleasant Valley Road and Daniels Lane