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“We want to give employees a chance to hear what’s happening at their hospital.”

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Dr. Jeff Barber
on the upcoming
Employee Town Forums

Employee Town Hall Forums set for August

The meetings will give employees a chance to hear about the progress of several key projects at OMHS.

Every year employees have a chance to get an update on a number of projects currently underway at OMHS. Hosted by President and CEO, Dr. Jeff Barber and Chief Operating Officer, Greg Strahan, the 2011 town hall meetings will take place August 16th through 25th.

“We want to give employees a chance to hear what’s happening at their hospital,” said Barber. “I really enjoy getting out and talking with all our staff.”

Both Barber and Strahan will be traveling to some of OMHS’ facilities to talk with employees about topics such as the new hospital and the progress which is being made on Pleasant Valley Road, Epic implementation, which is already underway in several OMHS practices and the on going wellness initiatives.

“These are the biggest projects we’re working on right now and we want everyone to have a chance to get information about the status on their progress,” Strahan said.

Employees will also have a chance to ask questions of Barber and Strahan about the projects and get additional information. If you have a specific topic you’d like to hear discussed during the town hall meetings you can email those to Marilou Murphy at marilou.murphy@omhs.org.

August 16th
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. OMHS Conference Center
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. OMHS Conference Center

August 17th
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. HealthPark
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. MultiCare Madisonville
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MultiCare Madisonville
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. HealthPark

August 18th
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Business Center
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Business Center
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. RDI Outpatient Imaging, The Springs
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. RDI Outpatient Imaging, The Springs

August 24th
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. OMHS Conference Center
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. OMHS Conference Center
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OMHS Conference Center
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. OMHS Conference Center
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. OMHS Conference Center
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. OMHS Conference Center

August 25th
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. OMHS Conference Center
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. OMHS Conference Center
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OMHS Conference Center

Videos will also be available online discussing topics from the Employee Town Hall Forums.

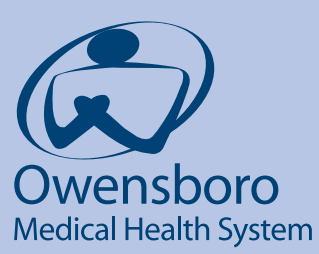
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Upcoming Events at OMHS

Now – August 4th

Achieve

Achieve is a six week diabetes program at the HealthPark for employees. The program is every Monday and Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is covered by OMHS and class sizes are limited. Call 688-4804 for more information or to sign up for the class.

July 27th

Ice Cream Social

It's time for ice cream at OMHS! The ice cream social is open to all employees and is being held at a number of locations.

Parrish Campus	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	10:00 p.m. – Midnight
HealthPark	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
RDI Outpatient Imaging,	
The Springs	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Epic	2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Business Center	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 15th – 26th

OMHS Employee Town Hall Forums

Employees will have a chance to hear an update on several major projects currently underway at OMHS including Epic and the new hospital construction. Watch future editions of Extra for more information on times and locations.

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!

RDI earns Breast MRI accreditation

RDI Outpatient Imaging, The Springs, becomes one of the first to receive the accreditation from the American College of Radiology

RDI Outpatient Imaging, a service of OMHS, The Springs location, was recently awarded a three year accreditation for their Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) services by the American College of Radiology. The accreditation for Breast MRI is one of the first to be given in the country by the ACR.



Dr. Terry Tyler, chief outpatient diagnostic officer for OMHS examines images from an MRI. Tyler says he's looking for abnormalities which could be signs of a tumor or breast cancer.

“The American College of Radiology has been very strict in their accreditation process, said Dr. Terry Tyler, chief outpatient diagnostic officer for OMHS. “Typically it’s quite an achievement to have received accreditation in any of the areas the ACR accredits.”

The Springs location received a gold seal which represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. This level of accreditation is only given to facilities meeting ACR practice guidelines and technical standards. The facility was reviewed by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field of imaging.

“It’s a pretty extensive evaluation of how the site functions,” Tyler said. “I would encourage patients to look for the ACR accreditation seal for any imaging modality because it means the facility made the effort to meet the standards.”

The American College of Radiology is a national organization which serves more than 34,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists. Tyler said the accreditation is for the equipment RDI uses and is verification of the high standards of imaging.

In addition to receiving the Breast MRI recognition he said OMHS’ RDI Springs location is an

ACR center of excellence for breast imaging which means the center has all the available accreditation from ACR in breast imaging.

Check out this week’s Extra Edition to learn more about the Breast MRI accreditation.



Staff at the OMHS Business Center take a walk as part of the ongoing wellness initiative.

Camp Wheeze Away



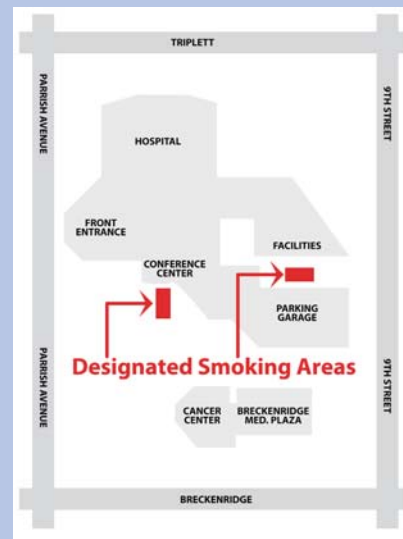
Nancy Velotta gives directions for making a boat during last week's Camp Wheeze Away at the HealthPark. Each summer OMHS, the HealthPark and Allergy & Asthma Specialists, P.S.C. hold a 3-day summer camp, which is free of charge for children who have Asthma. Campers participate in educational sessions to learn what triggers asthma and how to maintain control of the disease. Camp activities include getting exercise daily on inflatables, swimming, relay games and various other aerobic fitness to measure lung capacity. The camp also gives the kids the opportunity to see others their age with asthma and how living normal, healthy lives are possible.



Marcie Green and D'aisha Ragland work on the construction of their boats during Camp Wheeze Away. After building the boats they were used in a race as part of an activity during the camp.

Healthy lifestyles

Designated smoking areas changing July 1



Healthy Merit Cards expire June 30th. Please remember to use any remaining balance on your card by that date or you will forfeit that money.

All HIP coaching sessions scheduled now through June 30 have been relocated to the Ford Avenue medical office building, suite 201.

If you registered for a session on the Parrish Campus you can still attend on the day and time of your registration, but at Ford Avenue. Employees may park in the lot on the corner of Ford and Mayfair.

If you need to change the date of your coaching session, you may cancel and reschedule in Lawson. If you have questions call Nancy Velotta 688-4881 or email nancy.velotta@omhs.org.

Thompson earns healthcare quality certification



Lisa Thompson, director of quality and patient safety at Owensboro Medical Health System, is now a certified professional in healthcare quality by the National Association for Healthcare Quality. The credential signifies professional and academic achievement by individuals in the field of healthcare quality management.

LeCroy now certified in hyperbaric oxygen therapy



Nicole LeCroy has been certified by the National Board for Diving and Hyperbaric Medical Technology, a non-profit organization designed to serve undersea and hyperbaric medicine experts. Certification signifies that a healthcare professional has demonstrated proficiency in clinical, technical and safety standards to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to patients of all ages. LeCroy is a licensed practical nurse at the Owensboro Medical Health System Wound Healing Center. The center provides hyperbaric therapy to treat chronic wounds and various other disease indications.

Miller receives oncology nursing certification



Tammy Miller has received certification in oncology nursing from the Oncology Nursing Society. Miller is a registered nurse and manager of inpatient oncology at Owensboro Medical Health System.

Welcome new employees



Desany Goetz – Volunteer Services; Tommy Barnett- Landscaping; Sarah Fitzgerald – Environmental Services; Terri Crisp – Admitting; April Schroader – Radiology; Britney McCarter – Case Management; Laura Kelley – Orthopedics; Sarah Lasher – Medical 6-5; Jasmine Cowherd – Family Care Unit; Karen Clark – Family Care Unit; Heather Gannaway – Labor & Delivery; Megan Hocker – Surgery; Alicia Quinn – Surgery; Jessica Buck – Emergency Department; Elissa Howard – Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons



Tonya Carpenter-Spalding – Convenient Care; Jessica Pharis – Employee Health; Lora Sanders – Switchboard; Jamie Riggs – CT Scan; Lindsey Young – Outpatient Surgery; Margaret Puckett – Orthopedics; Lindsey Williams – Medical 6-5; Lori Brown – Medical 4-4; Laurie Shaffer – Medical 4-4; Jamie Rundall – General Surgery; Blake Clemons – Family Care Unit; Lindsey Clark- Family Care Unit; Jeremiah Reeves – Cardiac Stepdown; Stephani Damin – Cardiac Stepdown; Elsie Reed – Cardiac Stepdown; Ashley Harder – Cardiac Stepdown; Heather Clayton – Mother/Baby; Tana Roberson – Nursery; Claire Carothers – ICU; Terry Baggarty – CCU; Beth Helton – Neuro; Kasey Mullican - TCC