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news for Owensboro Medical Health System employees

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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on Green River Heart acquisition

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OMHS acquires Green River Heart Institute



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Owensboro Medical Health System has acquired Green River Heart Institute, a long-standing provider of high quality preventive, medical and rehabilitative heart services. The physician practice will retain the Green River Heart name and has become part of Cooperative Health Services, an affiliate of OMHS.

Today, more patients receive treatment with medicine and minimally invasive procedures, most often provided by cardiologists or electrophysiologists—physicians who specialize in heart care. Acquiring Green River Heart will further the expansion of heart care services for OMHS patients throughout western Kentucky and southern Indiana.

“Making Green River Heart part of OMHS is a natural next step toward improving the health of the communities we serve and providing patients with an increased amount of comprehensive heart services,” said Greg Strahan, chief operating officer of OMHS.

“We have been fortunate to work with OMHS the last several years on a number of quality improvement projects that have led to better care for heart patients,”

said Dr. Roshan K. Mathew, a cardiologist at Green River Heart. “Together with OMHS, we will now be able to provide the very best and latest in cardiac care to patients in this area.”

Cardiologists Christopher J. Havelda, MD; Roshan K. Mathew, MD; and Albert B. Mercer, MD; will continue to practice at the clinic. Dr. Satya V. Garimella, a board certified electrophysiologist, recently joined Green River Heart. Garimella specializes in diagnosing and treating heart rhythm problems, including the placement and management of pacemakers and defibrillators. He

previously practiced in Louisville at Jewish, Baptist East and Norton Hospitals.

The longstanding collaborative efforts that Cooperative Health Services and Green River Heart have had in place to improve community health will continue. HeartFit, which offers cardiac rehabilitation through exercise and education—and the Cooper Clayton Start to Stop Smoking Program—will remain at the HealthPark, 1006 Ford Avenue, Owensboro.



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Upcoming Events at OMHS

September 21st-22nd

7 Habits for Managers

This workshop provides specific applications for managers and includes many management tools and job aids to increase your productivity and performance. This course helps you put into practice what you learned in 'Seven Habits for Highly Effective People.'

September 23rd

Women's Health Forum

This year's forum is being held at the HealthPark and will include booths and activities to help women stay informed about their health. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

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 and HealthPark receive 'Reader's Choice' awards

Awards voted on by readers of the Messenger-Inquirer.

Every year the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer recognizes organizations in a number of different categories. The recognitions are decided by the readers of the M&I who vote for the organizations.

This year OMHS was given two 'Reader's Choice' awards. The first is a platinum award in the category 'Favorite Business that Gives Back to the Community'. The organization was also given the 'Favorite Place to Work' award. This is the second year in a row OMHS has been honored with the award in both of these categories.

In addition to the awards the hospital received, the HealthPark also received the platinum award as the readers' 'Favorite Gym/Athletic Club/Fitness Center'.

The full list of 'Reader's Choice' awards was published in June. To see an electronic version of the awards you can find it at messenger-inquirer.com.

Pay vouchers will start arriving later

You can still access your pay stub on Lawson

Due to changes in Owensboro mail processing, employee pay vouchers will most likely be arriving in mailboxes a day or more later than they have in the past. However, if you would like to view your voucher or past pay information you can do so on any OMHS computer by logging into your Lawson account.

You will need to access Lawson Employee/Manager Self Service on the OMHS intranet homepage. To login you will need your employee ID, which is the same number you use to log on to Kronos, and password. If you have misplaced your username or password you can contact the IS Solutions Center at 852-8500.

Once you have logged in select the pay tab under Employee Self Service. Then you will need to click on pay checks and select the pay date you want to review. You will also be able to print a copy of your voucher by clicking 'printable pay stub.'

It's important to note that the Lawson system is only available through the OMHS intranet. If you have questions you may contact Human Resources at 685-7700.

Liaisons needed for upcoming UW campaign

With less than ten days away, the OMHS-United Way campaign is in need of department liaisons. These volunteers are the backbone of the campaign, says chairman Ward Begley, and this year's goal will lean largely on the people who step forward to represent their units and departments.

"Liaisons are the champions in their areas," Begley says. "We need their leadership and enthusiasm to help rally their units and to make this another successful year."

During the three-week United Way campaign, liaisons serve as the chief point of contact in their departments, Begley says. They distribute and collect pledge forms and help to sell raffle tickets, but they also stir support for the drive.

If you are interested in serving, talk to your manager or contact Jeanie Norcia at 691-8219.

The United Way campaign kicks off Aug. 30 and will run for three weeks.



'Let's Get Moving' program keeps kids active

The city schools put on the program with the help of a Community Benefit grant

When the final school bell rings and kids are out for summer break, a lot of times it means they end up taking a break from physical activity as well. In an age of Facebook, Twitter, Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 it's easy to stay inside and on the couch all summer long. However this past summer the Owensboro Public Schools (OPS) started a program to encourage kids to get out and get physical.

The program was called 'Let's Get Moving' and Lisa McCarty, the district's school nutrition director, said it's a throwback to the days when the neighborhood kids would all come outside and play a game of pickup basketball at the park or turn a neighborhood street into a roller hockey arena.

"It was a really successful summer," McCarty said. "The kids learned being active is healthy and fun to do."

The program was held from June 1st through July 30th at Moreland and Chautauqua Parks in Owensboro. The Chautauqua Park location was entirely funded through the OMHS Community Benefit grant program.

"We could not have made it happen without that grant from OMHS," said McCarty.

The program is based on Michelle Obama's 'Let's Move' initiative which encourages kids to use physical activity to help fight childhood obesity. Kids would arrive at one of the locations in the morning and chart their physical activity each day to see the progress being made in their fitness. McCarty said

having the program in the neighborhood parks allowed kids to walk or ride their bike to the location. Lunch was served every day and the program was free to everyone.

"It was neat, they would make new friends and interact with others," she said.

OPS received \$7,500 for the program from a Community Benefit grant. While this year's program was a success, McCarty said having the 'Let's Get Moving' program next year will depend on if the funding is available. The grant funding was used to purchase supplies and pay for the program.

MultiCare Madisonville Employee of the month



Glenda Robison

The following was a comment written by an employee of MultiCare Madisonville:

Recently we had a patient who had been diagnosed with cancer. The patient was understandably anxious, confused and had many questions about her condition I could not answer. I told the patient that we had a nurse here who had been through what she was going through. I called Glenda Robison and she quickly agreed to come down and speak to this patient about her concerns and fears. Glenda spent at least 20 to 30 minutes in the room with this patient answering her questions and telling the patient of her own experiences. I have had my patients actually call back and thank me for having her come down and speak with them. I would

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3rd quarter: July 1st – Sept.24th
4th quarter: Oct. 1st – Dec.17th

HIP 2010

The 3rd quarter of HIP is underway. Below is a list of classes available during the quarter. You'll need to know your employee ID number when attending. For a complete list of classes, log onto the intranet and go to the Health Improvement Plan section at the bottom of the right hand column.

August 31st
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Staying in Range
HealthPark classroom B

September 7th
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Pre-diabetes
New Life Education Center

September 8th
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
What is Peripheral Artery Disease?
HealthPark classroom B

- Cardiac Surgery Excellence Award™ for the second year in row
- Pulmonary Care Excellence Award™ for the sixth year in a row
- Gastrointestinal Care Excellence Award™ for the sixth year in a row
- Gastrointestinal Surgery Award™ for the third year in a row

Ask Extra!

Q. Will there be a room similar to the Action Center in the new hospital?

A. Yes, according to David Carter with KLMK, the new hospital will have a facility similar to the current Action Center located at the hospital.

Do you have a question for Extra? Send it to speck@omhs.org and we'll try and find the answer and publish it in a future edition!

MultiCare (continued)

like to nominate her as Employee of the Month for her kindness and concern for patients whom she will most likely never even see again. She is truly an asset to our clinic!

Rooftop Renewal



Many at the OMHS Business Center have likely seen and heard the crews working on the roof. Reroofing has been going on for over a week now and will continue until the beginning of September.

Construction update



The ground work for the new hospital is taking shape as a foundation is laid for the structure to be built. This aerial photograph shows the work that has already been done. So far 34,564 man hours have gone into the project. Do you want to watch the progress of the new hospital from the comfort of your chair? Check out our live webcam on www.omhs.org.

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smoking, contact
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or Jean Julius (688-4856).**