

Education

OC Arts Gala to support art scholarships and education

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CRESTWOOD— The Arts Center Foundation will celebrate local talent while raising money to expand access to arts education at its third annual Future of the Arts Gala on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Muhammad Ali Center in downtown Louisville.

The gala will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and features a dinner, cocktails, visual art displays, and live performances by distinguished alumni and rising student artists. Musical theater, dance and instrumental performances will give guests a firsthand look at the talent developed through the Oldham County Schools Arts Center.

The Arts Center Foundation is the nonprofit

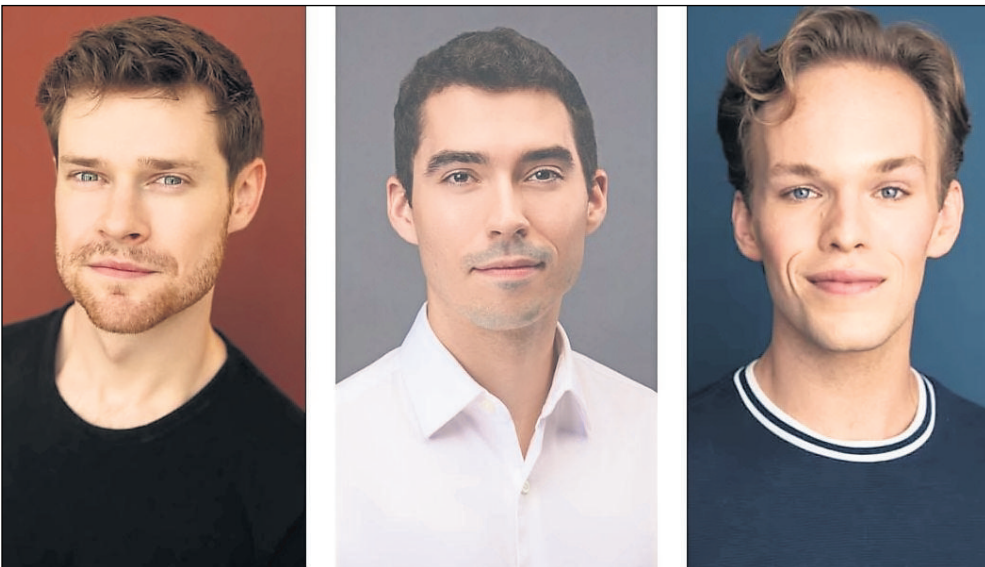


Photo courtesy of Oldham County Schools Arts Center

From left, Oldham County School Arts Center alumni performing at the Sept 12 Gala are Spencer 'Skip' Stewart, Daniel Scofield and Jack Brewer.

fundraising arm supporting the Oldham County Schools Arts Center. The center offers instruction and performance opportu-

nities in musical theater, dance, music, visual art, technical theater and other creative disciplines. Its programs serve Oldham

County students and members of the broader community.

Proceeds from this event will fund need and merit-

based scholarships, giving young artists access to professional instruction and performance opportunities.

An online silent auction will open Friday, Aug. 28, and may be accessed through the foundation's website. Participants do not have to attend the gala to bid in the silent auction. A live auction and raffle will be held at the Gala providing guests additional ways to support scholarships and Arts Center programming.

Among the talent sharing the spotlight that evening will be three Oldham County Schools Arts Center alumni —Jack Brewer, Daniel Scofield and Spencer "Skip" Stewart.

Brewer has toured nationally in Disney's "Frozen" and "Monty Python's Spamalot." Scofield is a Louisville Ballet Company Artist. Stewart

has performed professionally across the country and internationally. Their return to the stage where their journeys began highlights the very reason for investing in arts education: giving young artists the opportunity to discover their talents, develop their skills and see just how far those first steps can take them.

Tickets are \$150 per person and include dinner, cocktails and live entertainment. Business casual or cocktail attire is suggested.

The Muhammad Ali Center is located at 144 N. Sixth St. in downtown Louisville. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are encouraged. Ticket purchases and additional event information are available at ocartscenter.org/arts-center-foundation.



Parents and teens will face challenges at Survive Showdown

Free event focuses on life skills and youth mental health

BY ERA STAFF

LA GRANGE — CityPlace Expo Center is pleased to announce the first ever Survive and Thrive Showdown. Parents and Teens, in grades 6 to 12, will participate in an action-packed evening that includes activity stations, learning and physical challenges.

The event is being organized by Be Kind to Your Mind, a nonprofit collaborative that brings together organizations committed to improving the health and wellness of Oldham County's families. The event runs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Admission and food are free.

Parents who attend will begin in Pavilion 1. They will follow a tour guide to make their way to different Survival Stations with the theme: Surviving the Teen Years. Each activity station will have a different focus and will help parents navigate different elements of the teen experience. They will also meet station facilitators, leader representatives from local resource agencies in the fields of education, coaching, counseling and youth work. Parents will learn about topics like Understanding the Teen Brain, Positive Parenting Strategies, Protecting Teen Mental Health and

Building Your Tribe — Strong Family Relationships.

Over in Pavilion 2, teens will form tribes and compete in different activity stations and physical challenges. Stations will focus on Life Skills All Teens Should Know, Balancing Your Budget, Maximizing Your Mind Game (Mental Health), Avoiding the Opponents (Risk-Taking Behaviors) and Healthy Living Choices (Food and Nutrition). Along the way, teens will gather immunity tokens. The tribe with the most tokens at the end of the night will be awarded prizes. Each youth will get a swag bag to take home with fun-event themed merchandise.

As the evening closes, parents and teens will reunite for a Castaway Your Mind Council. During this wrap-up session each group will review key learning points, discuss takeaways and have the opportunity to ask any final questions of the station facilitators and leaders. Prizes will be awarded along with a shaved ice treat.

Members of the Be Kind to Your Mind collaboration include Seven Counties Services, Coalition for a Healthy Oldham County, The Pete Foundation, Oldham County Public Library, Operation Parent and the Oldham County Extension Office. Registration is required. The link can be found at the Oldham County Public Library website at oldhampl.org. CityPlace is located at 112 South 1st Avenue in La Grange. Parking is free. Please direct any questions to cheryl@cityplaceexpocenter.com.

Coldwell Banker McMahan delivers supplies to Crestwood Elementary



Photo courtesy of Coldwell Banker

Agents and staff of Coldwell Banker McMahan spent part of their morning giving back to the community on July 31. Several agents came and dropped off school supplies at Crestwood Elementary. Pictured, from left, are Ann McAllister, Beth Riley, Jessica Fletcher, Matt Weaver and John Wieland.

UK to research pest affecting golf courses

BY TOM LATEK
KENTUCKY TODAY

LEXINGTON – The Department on Entomology at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is studying a newly arrived pest affecting turfgrasses commonly found at golf courses.

The annual bluegrass weevil, a small type of beetle, is considered one of the largest threats to golf course turfgrass in the

Northeastern United States. More recently, the ABW has made its way to the Southeast, causing golf course superintendents and managers to rethink how they protect their courses from damage caused by this very costly pest.

ABW adults and larvae feed on short mown turfgrasses commonly found in golf course fairways, collars, approaches and putting greens. Adults feed

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University of Kentucky researchers are studying a newly arrived tiny pest affecting turfgrasses commonly found at golf courses.



LEGAL NOTICE

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All persons residing within the boundaries of Oldham County are hereby notified that there will be held during the regular meeting of the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District, 1101 Moody Lane, LaGrange, KY, at 8:00 am on September 14, 2026, a public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to establish the tax rate for the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District for the 2026 calendar year. In accordance with the provisions KRS 132.023, the following information is provided for those interested parties of the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District:

- The tax rate for the 2025 taxable year was .0474 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue produced by that tax rate for the 2025 taxable year was \$4,489,618.
- The proposed tax rate for the 2026 taxable year is to keep exactly the same rate at .0474 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$4,748,600.
- The compensating rate is .0460 cents for each \$100 valuation and revenue expected to be produced at that rate is \$4,608,346.
- Revenue expected from new property is \$114,937. Revenue expected from personal property is \$217,370. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2025 taxable year will be used for capital expenditures, additional staffed ambulances and increased operating cost. The capital items the Ambulance Taxing District expects to expend funds for during the next year will be for purchase of additional ambulances.
- This notification is required pursuant to provisions of KRS 132.023



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All persons residing within the boundaries of Oldham County are hereby notified that there will be held during the regular meeting of the Oldham County Fiscal Court, 100 W Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY, at 2:00pm on September 1, 2026, a public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to establish the tax rate for the Oldham County Fiscal Court for the 2026 calendar year. In accordance with the provisions of KRS 68.245 (5)(c), the following information is provided for those interested parties of the Oldham County Fiscal Court:

1. The tax rate for the 2025 taxable year was .0870 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue produced by that tax rate for the 2025 taxable year was \$8,375,583.
2. The proposed tax rate for the 2026 taxable year is .0870 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$8,715,785.
3. The compensating rate is .0850 cents for each \$100 valuation and revenue expected to be produced at that rate is \$8,515,422.
4. Revenue expected from new property is \$219,670. Revenue expected from personal property is \$541,131
5. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2025 taxable year will be used for increased operating cost. The main operating cost increases relate to law enforcement and 911 wages and retirement.
6. The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.