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## Arts festival to be kid-friendly

### Hot-air balloon rides, climbing wall on tap

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When the Prospect Arts in the Park event is held Sept. 13-14, it will have its usual goal: making art available to the public while raising money for the WHAS Crusade for Children.

But this year, visitors might notice another focus. Organizers have lined up several activities to make the event more kid-friendly. With face painting, a dunking booth, an inflatable jumper, a rock-climbing wall and tethered hot-air balloon rides on the agenda, the event is shaping up to be one for all ages.

This is the 36th year for the event, which will be held at the North Oldham Lions Club, also known as the William Burke Belknap Community Center. Entry is free, but some attractions, like cornhole, come with a small fee. Refreshments also will be sold.

Organizer Kim Lane, a volunteer for the North Oldham Fire Department, said her goal is to draw a larger crowd than seen in recent years.

"Attendance has been way down," she said, adding that between 1,500 and 2,000 people attended last year. "Our goal is to get the public back involved. That's why we're making it more kid friendly this year."

Lane also hopes to raise thousands of dollars for the Crusade for Children. Organizers aren't setting a specific goal, other than to raise "as much as we can," Lane said. Money is raised through booth rentals and a silent auction of items that vendors donate. People can also drop donations into a firefighter's boot.

Live entertainment is on the schedule too. On Saturday, Oldham County performer Allen Lane, Kim Lane's son, will sing at 2 p.m., and on Sunday, Patrick Henry Hughes will perform at 2 p.m.

Put on by the North Oldham Fire Department and the North Oldham Lions Club, the event is expected to feature about 50 vendors selling everything from handmade purses and baby clothes to jewelry, baskets, pottery, wood bowls and photography.

If it rains, the event will be rescheduled.

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