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Residents help make Web a catch-all for county news

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Buckner resident Scott Black started a blog last year to voice his thoughts on a booth at the farmers market in La Grange.

He then used the site to vent about other issues, including an increase in Oldham County's insurance premium tax and a proposed general aviation airport.

"I just felt there were just not enough people aware of what goes on in Fiscal Court, what goes on in the county, and one day I just decided I'm going to start this blog, I'm going to start attending these meetings, I'm going to start educating myself," he said.

The site, oldhamcounty-tcb.blogspot.com, has had about 1,200 views so far.

It's one of several Web sites Oldham residents have started over the years -- and one of many that can help residents experience the county.

Dewey Wotring, a resident who regularly attends Fiscal Court meetings, writes his thoughts about the county's news at www.oldhamcountywatchdog.com.

"I don't feel that the newspapers give the whole story," he said, adding that he plans to be more active on the site this summer.

The county also posts news and links on its site, www.oldhamcounty.net. And many departments have their own sites, like the sewer district at www.oldhamcountysewer.com and the water district at www.oldhamcountywater.com.

While we don't have enough space to print all of the local Web sites, below is a list of some popular ones that might interest Internet-savvy residents. Please don't hold it against me if they aren't updated or if something's not accurate on them -- these are purely examples of what there is to check out online.

Some have opinions that may spark debate or ideas -- and others offer some basic information on stores and activities in Oldham.

And if you read this story on our Web site -- www.courier-journal.com/oldham -- you can add some other Web sites that aren't on this list at the bottom of this column.

No Oldham Airport, nooldhamairport.com

Oldham County History Center, www.oldhamcountyhistoricalsociety.org

Oldham Ahead, www.oldhamahead.org

La Grange, www.lagrangeky.net

Oldham County, www.oldhamcounty.com

Friends of Westport, www.friendsofwestport.org

Pewee Valley, www.peweevalleyky.org

Yew Dell Gardens, www.yewdellgardens.org

Oldham County Challengers, www.oldhamcountychallengers.com

Business and Professional Women, www.bpwoldhamco.org

Bikinis and Bifocals, www.bikinisandbifocals.com

Arts Association of Oldham County, www.oldhamcountyarts.org

Oldham County Arts Center, www.oldhamcountyartscenter.com

Oldham County Fair, www.oldhamcountyfair.com

Oldham County Vision Council information (from 2007), www.oldhamcounty2020.com

Discover Downtown La Grange, www.discoverlagrange.org

Greenways for Oldham County, www.oldhamgreenways.org

Oldham County Tourism, touroldhamcounty.com

Oldham County business information, www.whybuyoldhamcounty.com or www.oldhamcountychamber.com

Equine Council, www.oldhamequinecouncil.org.

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