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Inaugural “Operation: FarmSafe” Slated for March 21

Bucyrus, Ohio — Bucyrus Community Hospital (BCH) announces the inaugural *Operation: FarmSafe*, a day promoting farm safety and effective response to farm emergencies. The event will be held Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Wynford High School in Holmes Township, Crawford County from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HealthLink, the BCH community outreach arm, has worked with Wynford’s faculty and FFA program to bring a first-class event to the farming and EMS communities. Breakout sessions include farm first aid, CPR, emergency extrication, and disaster/trauma preparedness; as well as safety courses in fire extinguishers, combines, grain bins and augers, electricity, chainsaws, propane, manure pits, and general tractor safety. The keynote address on Farm Trauma Injury Response will be presented by the Center for EMS at The OSU Medical Center. EMS personnel will be eligible for two trauma continuing education units.

Free HealthLink Lab Profiles, a comprehensive blood panel, will be offered at *Operation: FarmSafe* beginning at 6:30. The Crawford County Farm Bureau will also be holding their annual 50 cent Farmer Share Breakfast during the event and a free boxed lunch is included.

Operation: FarmSafe is free of charge and registration is not necessary to attend; the first 500 attendees will receive a gift bag. In addition to the blood work, a number of vendors will have displays and all in attendance will be eligible for a variety of door prizes and may participate in a raffle for a more prizes.

Tammi Wolfe, HealthLink Manager said, “BCH is proud to be a rural hospital and we want to reach out to our rural community. We have had great response for previous events for the ladies and men of our community and hope the farmers and EMS personnel attending will find this day just as valuable.” Wolfe can be reached for questions at 419-563-9323.

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