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SUGGS NAMED PATIENT CARE MANAGER OF SURGICAL AND ORTHOPEDICS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Clayton Suggs, BSN, RPN, as the patient care manager of orthopedics and surgical for Saint Francis Healthcare System.

In his role, Suggs' is responsible for the delivery of care, development of policies and procedures, standards of care and protocols in accordance the Saint Francis policies, procedures, philosophy and objectives.

Suggs has been an employee of Saint Francis since 2008 where he started as a staff nurse on orthopedics. In 2015, he became the assistant patient care manager for medical.

He obtained an associate of applied science in nursing from Shawnee Community College in 2008 and completed his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Southeast Missouri State University in 2015.

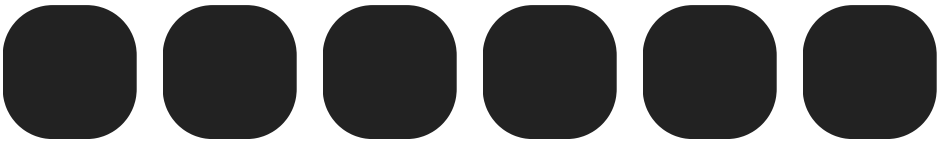
Saint Francis Medical Center is a 289-bed facility serving more than 713,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and

values, it has become a progressive and innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis’ major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region’s first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus.

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Stoddard County, Missouri - County 911 Sales Tax Collection will begin October 1, 2016. The 3/16th of a percent sales tax to fund the Stoddard County 911 Services will begin while the fee levied on land-line telephones will be discontinued.

Carol Moreland, County 911 Administrator, has contacted all telephone companies to notify them that the fee on landlines was to stop on September 30th.

Stoddard County voters approved the sales tax by a 3,270 - 1,044 vote in April of 2016.

Due to a steep decline in landline usage, it was necessary to ask the public to change the sales tax. More than 80 percent of 911 calls were coming from cell phones users. There were 1,387 calls made to 911 in the month of August of those calls, 1,189 were made with cell phones with 857 for EMS services, 373 were for law enforcement and 15 were to report fires. Several efforts through both elections and the legislature were made to levy a fee on cell phone usage, but all have failed.

Moreland said that sales tax receipts will be directly deposited into the 911 Services account.

Based on the 2015 sales tax receipts to the county, it is hoped that more than \$500,000 would be collected. The landline tax was generating only about \$140,000 per year so the additional revenue would now allow for improvements in technology and to update necessary equipment for County 911 services.

One of the largest upgrades will hopefully come in 2017, a \$200,000 system that will allow emergency dispatchers to pinpoint cell-phone callers.

SDR Mapping Company is already half way through the county collecting address points. By November they will receive wireless locations.

A new app is now implemented for Emergency Responders called Active 911. This will assist them in expedient emergency response.

"Thank you for saving 911," commented Carol Moreland on behalf of the Stoddard County 911 Services.

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Route MM in Dunklin and Stoddard Counties Reduced for Pavement Repairs

WILLOW SPRINGS - Route MM in Dunklin and Stoddard Counties will be reduced to one lane while Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of road is located from Route J in Dunklin County to Route U in Stoddard County.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Sept. 26 through Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

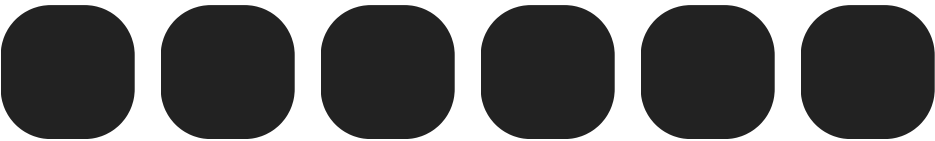
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

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Keller Library Story Hour with Jeanie Huey

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Dexter, Missouri - More than 80 children and adults attended the Keller Public Library Story Hour on Tuesday, September 21, 2016. Visitors were treated to a quick lesson GERMS from Jeanie Huey, Stoddard County MU Extension Center Nutrition Program Associate.

Mrs. Huey read "Watch Out for Germs" before guests enjoyed the petting zoo outside made possible by Sam Huey of the Stoddard County Fair Board.

Children were able to pet a goat, a sheep, and two rabbits.

Keller Library Story Hour will be held again on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 10:15 a.m. with "Tooth Fairy Magic" by Dr. Nathan Seyer of Dexter.

This event is FREE and the public is encouraged to bring their little ones for fun!

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Nutrition Center aka Dexter Senior Center lunch menu for Monday, September 26th - Friday, September 30, 2016.

The Dexter Senior Center is located at 23 W. Stoddard St. in historic downtown Dexter.

You don't have to be a senior to eat. They serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the cost is \$3.50 for seniors and \$5.00 for non-seniors.

Menu for this week!

Monday, September 26, 2016 - BBQ Riblet, Chicken & Broccoli Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Whole Grain Bread, and Mixed Fruit.

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 - Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuit & Gravy, and Cherry Delight.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 - Chicken and rice, Egg Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Whole Grain Crackers, Pineapple.

Thursday, September 29, 2016 - Chef Salad with lettuce, ham, egg, cheese, veggies, Pimento Cheese, Whole Grain Bread, Angel Food Cake & Fruit Compote.

Friday, September 30, 2016 - Chicken Sandwich, Sloppy Joe, Oven Baked Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Bun, Chocolate Pudding w/Oreo Topping.

Activities!

Monday - You Be the Judge 10:30 a.m. Tri-County Hospice, Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Sit and Motion, Singing at 10:30 a.m. and Bible Trivia at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Activity Chair Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday - Toss n Talk at 10:30 a.m. and Music Special at 12:30 p.m.

Friday - Name 10 Teamplay at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Homebound Clients: Please give them a courtesy call at (573) 624-7234 by 9:00 a.m. to let them know if they do not need to deliver that day. it is very important that they know

if you are in the hospital, changing residence or having a nursing home stay.

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