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Tina Rogers Named Manager of Professional Billing at St. Francis

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Tina Rogers, as manager of professional billing for revenue cycle.

In this role, Rogers is responsible for managing the everyday operation of billing, followup, credit and collections and payment processing areas of the business office.

Rogers has been a part of Saint Francis since 2009, and has worked as a hospital biller, a system administrator and an assistant manager for the business office.

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NATIONAL V-J DAY (Victory over Japan Day)

On this day in 1945, news broke around the world the Imperial Government of Japan would surrender ending a long a grueling world war. In Europe, the date was August 15 due to the time zone, but regardless the celebrations that broke out were no less zealous.

In the United States, President Harry S. Truman announced it in a press conference at the White House later that day.

The peace treaty was officially signed on September 2, 1945.

A year later on August 2nd, Truman signed a proclamation declaring August 14, 1946, as Victory Day.

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Puxico, Missouri - The Mingo Job Corps Center will host a Blood Drive at the gym located at 4253 State Highway T in Puxico on Friday, August 18, 2017 between the hours

of 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross is urging all eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this summer. While the need for blood and platelets remains constant throughout the summer, the Red Cross experiences a drastic decline in new donors, and current donors often delay giving due to summer vacation plans. Last summer, nearly one-third fewer new blood donors came out to give than during the rest of the year. Many schools where blood drives are held and where new donors give are out of session during the summer months.

Blood and platelet donations often do not keep pace with hospital demand during the summer months, but every day there are thousands of lives to help save. Right now, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

*Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

*The Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations every day to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country.

Eligible donors of all blood types are needed to make a donation appointment now and help sustain a sufficient community blood supply.

*Donating blood is a relatively safe and easy process, and only takes about an hour.

*Scheduling an appointment is easy and fast through the Blood Donor App, online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

*Donors of all blood types are needed to help save lives.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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By order of the Governor, all flags at all State and government offices will be flown at half-staff, statewide, on Saturday August 12 from sunrise until sunset in honor of Police Officer Gary L. Michael, who died in the line of duty on August 6, 2017.

Also by order of the Governor, all flags at all State and government offices will be flown at half-staff, in Henry County only from sunrise on Saturday, August 12, 2017 through sunset on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

Your office is responsible for distributing this information throughout your department for compliance with this order statewide on August 12, 2017 and in Henry County through sunset on August 19. A copy of the Governor's order is available here.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System welcomes hospitalists Trae Brotherton III, DO; Chad McCormick, MD; and James Williams, DO, as new Saint Francis Medical Partners. They join 11 other hospitalists in providing expert, dedicated care to hospitalized patients at the Medical Center.

Brotherton, a Jackson native, earned his medical degree from A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Mo. He holds a wide variety of clinical interests, including hematology and infectious diseases, which is why he chose a physician role that allows him to treat the whole patient.

McCormick, a Kelso native, earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia, Mo. He later completed his internal medicine/pediatrics residency at the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Mo. His clinical interests include critical care, pediatrics, infectious diseases and internal medicine.

Williams, a Cape Girardeau native, earned his medical degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Mo. His clinical interests include helping patients manage chronic disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as sepsis management.

"We are happy to welcome these three physicians back to Southeast Missouri, where they grew up," says Steven C. Bjelich, FACHE-D, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Healthcare System. "They will now be part of a team that is committed to reducing stay length, lowering costs and improving care for patients."

Hospitalists are doctors at Saint Francis Medical Center who focus on the general medical care of hospitalized patients. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Medical Center hospitalists are dedicated to coordinating and managing the healthcare needs of each patient from admission to discharge. Hospitalists help ensure a seamless continuum of care among primary care doctors, physician specialists and inpatient care providers.

To learn more about Dr. Brotherton, Dr. McCormick or Dr. Williams, or a hospitalist's role, visit sfmc.net or call 573-331-3996.

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