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How Do You Like the Change on Facebook?

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The World! Facebook Inc. has finally changed its iconic like button. How do you LIKE the change?

The social network has increased the number of options for reacting to posts, beyond "like." Beginning Wednesday, people have five more choices: "love," "haha," "wow," "sad" and "angry."

Bloomberg Businessweek recently told the story of the project, which involved months of testing and tweaking to determine the best options. Users had long rallied for a "dislike" button, which the company rejected because it would create a negative atmosphere.

Facebook is releasing alternative buttons globally as it works to become a destination for more than life updates from friends. The company has been increasing its news content through partnerships with media companies for Instant Articles. Tragic news, for example, may require more nuanced responses than a "like." The new initiative is called Reactions.

"We understand that this is a big change, and want to be thoughtful about rolling this out," Sammi Krug, product manager, said in a blog post. "We will continue learning and listening to feedback to make sure we have a set of reactions that will be useful all over the world."

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System announces the appointment of Steven D. Rothert, MD, as medical director of emergency services at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Rothert joined Saint Francis in September 2004. He earned his medical degree from Southern Illinois University in Springfield, Ill., and completed his internship and residency at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, in Lexington, Ky. He is board certified in emergency medicine.

He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was a field artillery officer in the Army. Rothert also holds a law degree from Southern Illinois University.

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, the Medical Center has become a progressive, 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

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REMINDER! IT'S TUESDAY!

Dexter, Missouri - Local author Patti Miller Dunham (Patti Gard) will host a Book Study of her best-selling publication, I Saw Heaven, beginning February 16 and continuing each Tuesday through March 22.

The Study will be held from 1:30 until 3:00 in the Community Room of the Keller Public Library.

A free copy of the book, courtesy of the author, will be provided to each participant.

There is no charge for this event and pre-registration is not required.

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Bloomfield, Missouri - We are growing!! Full Time Licensed Hair Stylist/Make-Up Artist/Cosmetologist – Apply in person at Dede's Custom Creations, Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

They are a fully functional and established salon with space for rent located at 208 South Prairie Street in Bloomfield. Just give them a call at (573) 568-6037 for an appointment!

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Gov. Jay Nixon has ordered that the U.S. and Missouri flags at state buildings in all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis be flown at half-staff on Saturday, Feb. 20, to honor the bravery and sacrifice of **Capt. Kevin T. Roche.**

Capt. Roche, of St. Louis, was a member of the United States Marine Corps. He died on Jan. 14 while serving his country at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii. His funeral will be held in St. Louis on Feb. 20.

In addition to the statewide lowering, Gov. Nixon has ordered that the U.S. and Missouri flags at all state buildings in the City of St. Louis be flown at half-staff from Feb. 21 to Feb. 26.

"The freedoms we enjoy as Americans are possible because of the courage of the men and women who serve our country in uniform," Gov. Nixonsaid. "Capt. Roche exemplified that honor, duty and self-sacrifice, and we pay our respects to him and his service by lowering the flag. I also ask Missourians to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers."

Capt. Roche was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. His awards and decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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