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After 36 years in law enforcement, Srgt. Cody Fulkerson of the Missouri Highway Patrol is stepping down. He will take a few weeks off before focusing on his new position with the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco.

Many will recognize Fulkerson as the communications person for Troop I, others may remember the 6 years he spent as a police officer with the city of Rolla.

After serving the community of Rolla for 6 years as a member of the police department, Fulkerson joined the highway patrol in 1992 and was assigned to Troop I. Since then, Fulkerson said he has been assigned all over the state and involved in many different types of incidents and crisis.

I was appointed to the Governor's Personal Protection Detail in 2006 and served on the detail for two administrations with Governor(s) Blunt and Nixon respectfully."

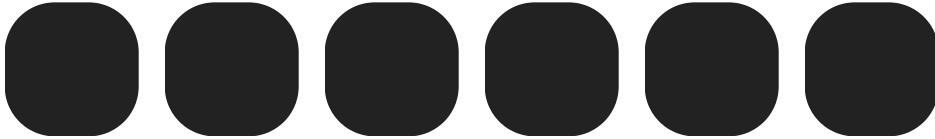
In 2010, he returned to Troop I where he served as a Zone Commander until being appointed to his current position as the Public Information Sergeant in 2014.

He will be honored with a retirement reception on June 28, at Troop I headquarters in Rolla. The public is invited to attend. The reception gets underway at 1:00 p.m.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to introduce Ginny W. Ginithan as Director of Radiology and Womancare.

In her new role, Ginithan will serve as a member of the Saint Francis Leadership team and will be responsible for planning, coordinating and supervising all functions within Radiology and Women's Health Services to ensure patients receive care in accordance with Saint Francis policies, procedures and objectives. She will also perform a wide variety of regulatory, fiscal and administrative duties and oversee Radiology and Women's Health Services staff.

She comes to Saint Francis from Northwest Texas Healthcare System, where she has been Director, Diagnostic Imaging and Cardiology Services since 2012. She has previously served as Director of Imaging Services and Interim Director of Cardiac Services at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

Ginithan earned her Master's Degree in Organizational Management with an emphasis in business law and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education with emphasis in management at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. She also holds a Radiology Technology Certification of Registry.

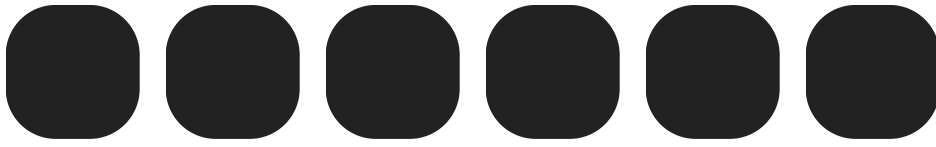
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SAINT FRANCIS OFFERING FREE SCREENINGS EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY

Screenings will no longer be held on third Wednesdays, as previously scheduled.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Starting in August, Heart & Health Screenings will only be held on the first Wednesday of each month at Saint Francis Medical Center.

The screenings will no longer be held on the third Wednesday of each month. As the first Wednesday falls on Independence Day, there will only be a screening on the 3rd Wednesday in July (July 18th).

The screenings will still offer free blood pressure checks, glucose diabetes risk screenings for \$7 and heart health screenings for \$30. Heart health screenings include total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, cardiac risk ratio, glucose and blood pressure checks and require a 10- to 12-hour fast beforehand. Clients are encouraged to drink water and take medications as prescribed. Heart & Health Screenings are not billed to Medicare or insurance.

Screenings will still be held at the same time and place, from 7 to 10 am in the Health and Wellness Conference Room #2, Saint Martha Conference Room. No appointments are necessary. Citizens over 60 years old may inquire about the possibility of free heart health screenings, funded through the Senior Citizens' Services Fund Board.

For more information, call 573- 331-5970 ext. 4.

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Dexter, Missouri - Yard Sale on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. located at 15374 County Road 442 in Dexter.

Directions: Go north on AD about 3 miles and turn left onto 442, second house on the left.

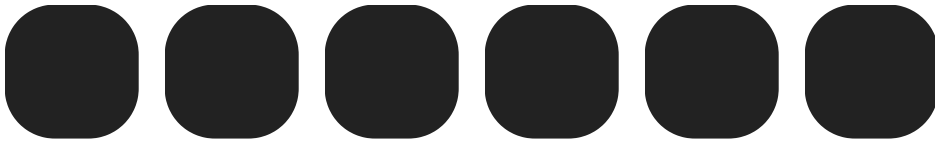
Furniture, couch, countertops, range hood, toaster oven, home decor, dishes, desk, Paw Patrol toys, decorations, misc. items, and even some items for FREE.

Don't miss out on this yard sale!! Lots of great items for sale.

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New system-wide minimum wage to be set at \$11.70

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Next month, Saint Francis Healthcare System will raise its minimum hourly pay to ensure all employees have the opportunity to earn a livable wage.

Effective July 8, the Healthcare System's new minimum hourly rate will be increased to \$11.70, which means raises for more than 200 employees – nearly eight percent of the total Saint Francis workforce.

President and CEO, Dr. Maryann Reese, said the wage increase is not based on the external market, rather the decision is rooted in the mission and values of Saint Francis Healthcare System and affirms the human dignity of all our employees.

“This decision goes to the core of our principles as a Catholic Healthcare System,” she said. “As we continue our efforts to lower costs and make the Healthcare System more efficient and functional for patients, we cannot risk overlooking our own colleagues in the process. Doing the right thing includes making sure we care for all members of the Saint Francis Family.”

The new hourly rate is double what an individual would need to stay above the federal poverty rate, according to this year’s figures.

“From surgeons to support staff, each one of our colleagues provides the necessary services that allow Saint Francis Healthcare System to continue serving our communities,” Reese said. “They all deserve a wage that can sustain them, and we are proud to be able to provide that.”

Bishop Edward Rice, head of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, praised the decision saying that, in raising minimum wages, Saint Francis Healthcare System has strengthened its Catholic identity.

“The changes recently announced at Saint Francis show respect for the dignity of our workers,” Bishop Rice said. “It affirms their value and will promote the well-being of families.”

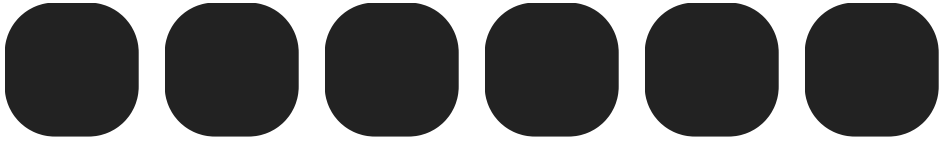
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