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# MO Dept of Conservation Reminds People to Celebrate Safely!

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*Be careful with fireworks, campfires, other sources of fire that could cause a wildfire.*

## **FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON MDC AREAS.**

**Jefferson City, Missouri** - As people celebrate this summer, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds everyone to be extremely careful with fireworks, campfires, and other sources of fire that could cause a wildfire.

## **FIREWORKS**

Don't light fireworks in any areas where the sparks could ignite dry grass, leaves, or other potential fire fuel. Always have an approved fire extinguisher and an available water supply to douse sparks or flames. Wet the area around where fireworks are being discharged. Check with local ordinances and authorities for bans on fireworks and open burning.

## **OUTDOOR BURNING**

Don't burn during wrong conditions. Dry grass, high temperatures, low humidity, and wind make fire nearly impossible to control. Check with local fire departments regarding burn bans that may be in place. A person who starts a fire for any reason is responsible for any damage it may cause.

## **DRIVING OFF ROAD**

Wildfires can start when dry fuel, such as grass, comes in contact with catalytic converters. Think twice before driving into and across a grassy field. Never park over tall, dry grass or piles of leaves that can touch the

underside of a vehicle. When driving vehicles off road, regularly inspect the undercarriage to ensure that fuel and brake lines are intact and no oil leaks are apparent. Always carry an approved fire extinguisher on vehicles that are used off road. Check for the presence of spark arresters on ATV exhausts.

## **MAKING A CAMPFIRE**

Clear a generous zone around fire rings. Store unused firewood a good distance from a campfire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid to start a fire. Keep campfires small and controllable. Keep fire-extinguishing materials, such as a rake, shovel, and bucket of water, close. Extinguish campfires each night and before leaving camp, even if it's just for a few moments.

## **CALL FOR HELP**

Call 911 at the first sign of a fire getting out of control.

## **REPORT FOREST ARSON**

Wildfires are sometimes set by vandals. Help stop arson by calling 800-392-1111 and reporting any potential arson activities. Callers will remain anonymous and rewards are possible.

## **MANAGED FIRE**

Fire used in the wrong way can create disasters. Used in the right way, fire can help create habitat for wildlife.

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**Apply online from June 25 – Aug. 5 at [short.mdc.mo.gov/ZcS](http://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZcS)**

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is accepting online applications from June 25 through Aug. 5 for its next class of conservation agent trainees.

To apply -- and for more information including salary range, duties and responsibilities, degree requirements, qualifications, and special-ability requirements -- visit the MDC website directly at [short.mdc.mo.gov/ZcS](http://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZcS). Applicants can also go to the MDC homepage at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov) and search “careers.” Then click on Job Openings on the Careers page.

Selected candidates will undergo 26 weeks of intense training in all facets of law enforcement and resource management. Those who make the grade will receive county assignments and become the face of conservation in their assigned communities – enforcing the Wildlife Code of Missouri and helping the public with issues such as nuisance wildlife and land management.

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# Lawless Named Director of Human Resources

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**Lawless Named Director of Human Resources**

Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to introduce Kristan Lawless, MPA, as Director of Human Resources.

In her new role, Lawless will be responsible for all functions of the Healthcare System's Human Resource Department, including talent acquisition, retention and fostering employee relationships in a manner consistent with the goals and principles of Saint

Francis Healthcare System.

Before joining Saint Francis, Lawless served as Director of Human Resources at Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson, Iowa, and as Human Resource Manager at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. She has also worked in human resource positions at Mercy Health Systems, Aurora University and Pharmaceutical Systems, Inc., among others.

Lawless earned her Master of Public Administration Degree at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Before that, she earned her Bachelor of Human Resource Management at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois.

She is a member of the Society for Human Resources Professional Management, American Society Hospital Human Resources Association and Iowa Society Hospital Human Relations Association.

Saint Francis Healthcare System is guided by our mission to provide a ministry of healing, wellness, quality and love inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ. Founded by Franciscan Sisters in 1875, our priority remains the same: serve all who enter with dignity, compassion and joy. Serving nearly 713,000 people across Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, our focus is on patients' outcomes, experience and value.

Anchored by Saint Francis Medical Center, a 308-bed tertiary hospital, and supported by nearly 2,800 employees and more than 250 providers in 11 communities, the Healthcare System is a driving economic force in the region. Major services include Cancer Institute, Emergency and Level III Trauma Center, Family BirthPlace and the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Heart Hospital, Neurosciences and Orthopedics.

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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to introduce H. William Stites III, MD, FACC, as a Medical Partner and cardiologist specializing in electrophysiology at Cape Cardiology Group.

He joins Joseph Dwyer, MD, FACC, FSCAI; Steven Joggerst, MD; William Lafoe, MD, FACC, FSCAI; Sandra McCearly, MD; Duc Nguyen, DO; William Nienaber, MD; Rebecca Smith, MD, FACC, FASE; Clifford Talbert Jr. MD, FACC; Jennifer Cotner, RN, AGACNP-BC; Megan Collier, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC; Laura Morrow, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC; Angela Selzer, RN, AGACNP-BC; Joshua Donis, MD, FACC; Amanda Hamm, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC; Bernadette Hutson, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, ACCNS-AG; Jena Brown, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCNS, and Lacie Wilkins, RN, FNP-C.

Stites earned his medical degree at the University of Missouri - Columbia, later completing his internship, internal medicine residency and interventional cardiology fellowship at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He completed his clinical fellowship in cardiac electrophysiology at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada.

He comes to Cape Cardiology Group from private practice at Midwest Heart & Vascular Specialists in Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information about Cape Cardiology Group, please call 573-331-3333 or visit [www.sfmc.net](http://www.sfmc.net).

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# Police Dept Press Release Regarding Suspicious Death in Dexter

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## Police Dept Press Release Regarding Suspicious Death in Dexter

Dexter, Missouri - On June 28, 2018 the Dexter Police Department activated the Stoddard County Major Case Squad regarding a suspicious death at 1117 N. Mulberry in Dexter. The deceased was identified as Jimmy Lynn Casey, 66, Y/O white/male of Dexter, Missouri.

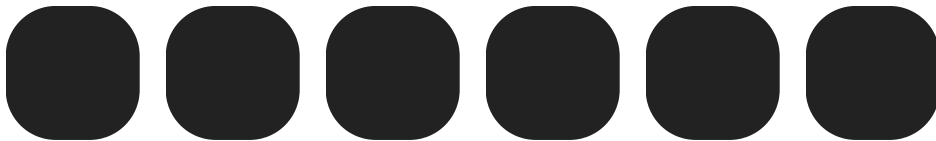
An autopsy is scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2018. If you have any information regarding the investigation please contact Capt. Trout or Lt Mills at the Dexter Police Department.

"More information will be released once the autopsy is performed," commented Chief Trevor Pulley. "We will send out another press release."

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