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Saint Francis Medical Center is one of three Missouri healthcare organizations recognized with the Missouri Hospital Association (MHA) Aim for Excellence Award for delivery of improved population health, patient outcomes and experience, and value of care.

The award was presented Nov. 7 during MHA's 97th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Osage Beach, Mo. The award recognizes progress toward the Triple Aim — better health, improved care and lower cost.

"This award recognizes our commitment to best in class surgery outcomes," said Dr. Maryann Reese, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Francis Healthcare System. "Quality, safety and cost reduction are our highest priorities."

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Surgical Site Infections (SSI) occur in two to four percent of all patients undergoing surgical procedures. Combining data analysis and a targeted team effort, Saint Francis Healthcare System's infection rate is among the best in the nation and approaching zero. Articles have been written in clinical journals to share this best practice with other hospitals.

The multi-disciplinary team collected data on care to identify opportunities for improvement. Surgeons, anesthesiologists, operating room nurses and staff, environmental services staff, and performance improvement staff used the data to improve processes. Outcomes were continuously fed into the improvement system to inform change in practice, hospital wide to achieve better outcomes for surgical patients and for patients undergoing all types of procedures within Saint Francis Healthcare System.

Two other Missouri healthcare organizations recognized with the award are Mosaic Medical Center – Albany and Mercy in St. Louis.

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Pictured: Steven D. Edwards, 2019 MHA Board Chair, and President and CEO of CoxHealth; Brook D. Chavez, Director of Surgical Services; Lori DeBrower, Manager of Surgical Services; and Stuart Greaser, Manager of Pharmacy Services at Saint Francis Healthcare System

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11th Annual Claus for a Cause

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Bloomfield, Missouri - In 2009, Julie Dodd, a kindergarten teacher at Bloomfield and a wonderfully skilled photographer was inspired along with her friend, Amy Ellinghouse, also a skilled photographer decided to give back during the holidays.

The Claus for a Cause is a one day annual event slated for Sunday, November 24, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Come get your photo made with Santa!

Picture packages range from \$10 to \$25 and no appointment is necessary.

Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 704 W. Missouri Street in Bloomfield. The public is encouraged to attend and everyone is welcome to stop in. There will also be lots of games and things to do along with meeting Santa!

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Santa is Beginning to Make his Way to Our Area!!

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Bloomfield, Missouri - Santa will be at the Stoddard County Extension office on Monday, December 2nd from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. The Extension office is located at 316 S. Prairie St. in Bloomfield.

Kids will enjoy a free gift from Santa, cookies, ornament making, and a photo with the big red fella!

If you would like to know more about 4-H and Stoddard County 4-H Clubs you can join or ask questions while you are there.

Please enjoy your visit with Santa! Everyone is welcome to attend!

Questions? Call: 573-568-3344

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Dexter, Missouri - Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Everyone should experience the tradition of a great meal, family and a fun afternoon of visiting.

The Student Council of Dexter High School (STUCCO) knows all too well how tradition is important; therefore they will again this year host the Senior Citizen's Turkey Dinner on Tuesday, November 26th.

Dinner will be served at the High School at 5:00 p.m.

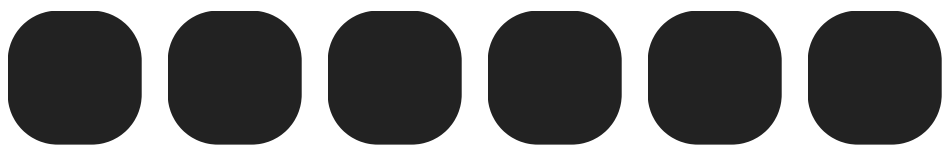
All Senior Citizens are encouraged to attend and no pre-registration is required. There is no charge for this wonderful meal.

If you need more information please contact the Dexter High School at (573) 614-1030!

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Saint Francis Healthcare System is pleased to announce that Leticia Kelley, APRN, FNP-BC, has joined Cape Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine.

Kelley earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Missouri – Columbia in Columbia, Mo. in 2000. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo. in 2007. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Kelley has been practicing as a nurse

practitioner for 11 years.

She is married to husband, Jason. They have two boys, 7-year-old Brayden and 10-year-old Kaden, and a German Shepherd. Kelley loves spending time with family, attending sporting events with her children, traveling and outdoor activities.

Cape Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine is located at 24 South Mount Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau, Mo. It is open Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm.

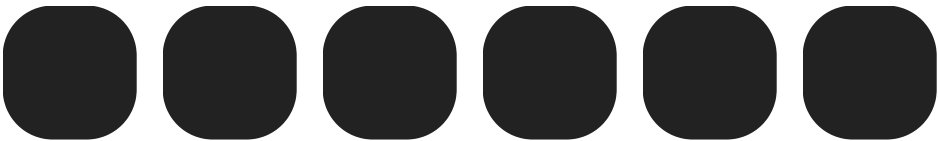
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