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RE: Over 400 people attend Open House event at new facility in Monroe County  
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St. Elizabeth's Hospital Monroe County Medical Building is officially open for business today, September 18, 2006. A celebration of the building's completion was held for members of the communities in Monroe County on Wednesday, September 13 and Saturday, September 16.

Over 400 people attended both Open House events. The Wednesday evening event consisted of a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony, tours of the facility, introduction of doctors to the public, health screenings, and entertainment by the Waterloo German Band.

Tim Brady, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Administrator, noted the hospital's dedication to bringing accessible healthcare to the people of Monroe County.

The second Open House event offered the public more tours and health screenings, plus KSD "The Bull" did a live remote broadcast from the facility. The public was invited to sign up for numerous Attendance Prizes including St. Louis Cardinal's and Rams tickets, restaurant gift certificates, golf packages and more. Winners will be notified on Monday, September 18.

The St. Elizabeth's Hospital Monroe County Medical Building houses an UrgiCare Center, Laboratory Services, Physical Therapy, Imaging Services and Monroe County Family and Sports Medicine. We offer the first Digital Mammography System in Monroe and St. Clair Counties and a Digital X-ray System. Both of which are connected with St. Elizabeth's Hospital's Picture Archival Communications System (PACS), which allows the digital images to be automatically sent to a radiologist to read. They can also be forwarded to the patient's doctor's office or any computer.

For general information on any of our departments at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Monroe County Medical Building, please call 618-281-9005.

**UrgiCare Center** Open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the UrgiCare Center provides prompt care for minor medical emergencies at an accessible location. No appointment is needed to visit our emergency-room trained physicians and registered nurses.

UrgiCare is intended for those with minor medical problems. Persons with serious medical problems like chest pain or major trauma should seek medical attention at the hospital's emergency room.

**Laboratory Services** With no appointment necessary, the Laboratory Department offers various services for the patient including Complete Blood Count (CBC), Urine Culture, Chemistry Profile, Mono Testing, Pregnancy Tests, Urinalysis, Protime, and Throat Culture.

**Imaging Services** Special imaging services are available at the facility including mammography, CT services and ultrasound. The department can provide Pre-admission X-rays, skeletal, chest and soft tissue X-rays, and Computerized Tomography (CT) Scans.

In addition, our Selenia™ digital mammography system, by Hologic®, is the first of its kind in Monroe County and provides patients with the highest quality of care in the prevention and early detection of breast cancer. Women can get their yearly screening merely by making an appointment at our new facility. Call 618.929.9005 for more information.

**Physical Therapy** Physical Therapy helps patients recover from injuries, disease and post-surgical weakness. Specialized services are offered for back, neck and nerve injuries, fractures and dislocations, occupational therapy, sports injuries, strokes, and vestibular disorders.

**Monroe Family and Sports Medicine** Convenient access to healthcare for the entire family is offered at Monroe Family and Sports Medicine. Our physician, Dr. Ahmed Radwan, and staff are currently accepting new patients. Call 618-281-7879 for more information or to make an appointment.

Additional events planned at St. Elizabeth's Monroe County Medical Building include a Prostate Screening on September 27, a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 9, and a presentation on Sleep Apnea and Cardiovascular Disease on November 8.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is a 506-bed acute care medical facility featuring a newly renovated 16-suite surgery center including open-heart suites and an outpatient surgery center featuring 26 private rooms. The hospital was founded by the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. Today, we continue the mission of our founding sisters: to provide care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy. We maintain a Gold Seal of approval from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Facilities (JCAHO). For more information please contact Kelly Barbeau at 618.234.2120, extension 1270.

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